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**GUARANTEE** — 100% satisfaction or your money back. Claims if any, must be made within 30 days after receipt of goods. After 30 days and within 1 year we will replace at ½ the original purchase price. We cannot be responsible for conditions over which we have no control. At no time will we be responsible for any sum greater than that paid for the stock.

**TRUE-TO-NAME**—We use every precaution to have our plants true-to-name. Should any prove otherwise we will replace them or refund the purchase price.

**SHIPMENT** — Express is generally cheaper on 2000 plants or more beyond the third zone and on all large orders.

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**BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST**

# To Our Customers and Other Friends

Jack Rayner

Bob Rayner

W. F. Jeffers

We appreciate the opportunity to present our 1960 catalog. In it you will find a wide selection of excellent berries, fruits, ornamentals, and other plants. Our nursery specializes in the production of top-quality strawberry plants, blueberry plants, and other nursery stock. Thus, you can obtain your plants directly from the producer and get the best at lower prices.

We are one of the original cooperators with State and Federal authorities in production of "virus-free" strawberry plants. Our planting stock is obtained from the State screenhouse and is propagated in fumigated soil and dusted frequently to control insects that spread virus diseases. After the plants are examined and certified by State inspectors they are dug, cleaned, packed, and stored. These dormant plants are kept in our cold-storage rooms for sale during spring, summer, and fall. We definitely recommend early spring as the best time for planting strawberries but with dormant plants there is a definite trend toward later planting. June planting is giving good results in many areas particularly where irrigation is available. We do not recommend the planting of strawberries after mid-July in the northern states. Our registered virus-free strawberry plants have greatly increased vigor and will amaze you with their outstanding yields of high-quality berries.

Rayner's famous blueberry plants are propagated directly from our own 100 acres of fruiting plants. Thus, we are able to select the very best for sale directly to you. We offer you the largest selection of cultivated blueberries including the new hybrids which have such large fruit. In addition to strawberries and blueberries we have an excellent selection of the best varieties of raspberries, grapes, fruit trees, nut trees, and ornamental plants.

Of primary importance to you is the fact that our plants are backed by a real guarantee of complete replacement or full refund of your payment, whichever you prefer. This guarantee applies to all of our nursery plants that are set during the spring season.

"We guarantee you will receive top quality stock. If for any reason you are not pleased with our plants, write us within 30 days and we will replace the plants or refund the complete purchase price. After the 30 day period and within one year of the date the plants were received, we will replace at one-half purchase price any plants that are not satisfactory. This guarantee covers full purchase price and does not imply any further responsibility or liability."

Also of vital importance to you is the Rayner policy of honest, efficient dealings with our customers. We fully realize that satisfied customers are the backbone of our business and we will make every reasonable effort to provide you with top-quality plants and service.

We hope you will take the time to read the information in this catalog concerning methods of planting strawberries, blueberries, and other nursery stock. We have tried to provide the best possible directions because we certainly want you to be successful. Also planting instructions are sent with each order. Give our plants satisfactory growing conditions and they will reward you many times over with abundant crops of top quality fruit.

Yours for continued success with Rayner's plants.

H. JACK W. RAYNER, President

## How to Order From This Catalog

With each variety we list the price and on page 16 there is a special strawberry price list. Blueberry prices are given on pages 37 to 43. To order our plants fill out the enclosed order blank clearly and completely. Be sure to include full payment for plants and shipping costs. We will ship C.O.D. if desired. If only part of the payment is sent we will hold order until balance is received. Our business is conducted entirely on a cash basis. We send an acknowledgment of each order as soon as it is received; please check this acknowledgment to see if your order is correct.

If your order weighs less than 70 pounds it is usually cheaper to ship by parcel post. Approximate cost of postage can be determined from the information on page 17. If you send too much postage we will refund it and if not enough is sent we will request it after shipment. After May 15 we ship postal orders of plants by Special Handling in order to avoid delay during warm weather. Orders over 70 pounds or of large size are often shipped by Railway Express. Do not send shipping costs for express orders since it will be collected when you receive the plants.

To avoid delay and shipping errors please be certain of the following points in filling out order blank: name and address is complete and clear; full payment is included for plants and postage; quantities and varieties are indicated; time of shipment is indicated. Use the prices listed in this catalog for the quantities indicated. A postpaid envelope is provided for your convenience. If other information is desired send us a card or letter and we will reply promptly.

# How to Choose the Best Strawberry Varieties

Your choice of strawberry varieties depends primarily on the climatic condition where the plants are to be grown, and the purpose for which they are to be used. Some varieties are best suited to the southern area, while others are best for the north. Some are very firm and thus good for long distance shipping to market, but might not be the best for home use or local sales. Some are better for freezing than others, and some are better for preserves than others. There is a wide range of differences between the various strawberry characteristics.

We have tried to give reliable, accurate descriptions of the strawberries we sell, and we believe this information will enable you to choose the proper varieties. However, if you are not certain, we will be glad to make the proper selection for you. Just tell us how you want to use the fruit and where it is to be grown and we will send you the best varieties.

VIRUS FREE

## REDGLOW

UNUSUALLY FINE FLAVOR

### RED STELE RESISTANT

We sincerely believe that a vine-ripened berry of Redglow rates very near the top for delicious strawberry flavor. Like any other variety, its best flavor and quality is not present if it is picked as soon as it begins to turn red. But, leave the fruit on the plant until it becomes a deep, rich, red color and you will know the flavor of a truly delicious strawberry.

Fruit of Redglow are large and have a bright red color and good green cap. With its fine, uniform size and shape and glossy skin it is tops for attractiveness. It is firm and has a good inside flesh color which results in an excellent frozen product. It ripens early and continues to pick for several weeks.

Plants of Redglow are vigorous and are resistant to the red stele disease. Thus, if this disease is a problem, be sure to try this fine early variety. We recommend it for most of the eastern and central states as an excellent home garden variety and as a fine berry for local sales. In many areas Redglow will become an important commercial variety. The main criticism we have heard of Redglow is that it is not as productive as some varieties. However official tests in New York showed a yield of 8,410 pounds per acre and we have other reports of excellent yields.

It is our opinion that for most of the central and eastern states Redglow is one of the best varieties for local sales since its outstanding flavor and quality will bring customers back for repeat sales.

**100 Plants $3.60; 1,000 $18.00.** **Complete Prices Page 16. See Postal Rate Page 17.**

**May 4, 1959** **Pottstown, Pa.**

**The Redglow strawberries from Rayner Bros. are very nice. The berries are large, on upright stems, and have good flavor. Fairpeake is loaded with green fruit, is a good plant maker, has good flavor, and is large. Customers rave about the size and flavor of our berries.**

**R. H. Stahl**

**July 6, 1959** **Falmouth Mass.**

**Our family has been growing strawberries for over 50 years and we have bought plants from all over. However, the 3000 plants I obtained from Rayner Bros. are the best that money can get.**

**Manuel L. Tavares**

"Plants referred to as "virus-free" in this catalog have been field grown by us from virus-free foundation stock furnished by the U. S. Department of Agriculture Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering, Beltsville Maryland, and State Horticultural Department, University of Maryland. Our field-grown stock has been dusted with parathion to control aphids which transmit the virus diseases. It has also been grown at considerable distance from any other strawberry plants. Since viruses do not produce clear-cut symptoms in most strawberry varieties, but simply weaken and devitalize the plants, no guarantee can be made that these plants are 100 percent free of viruses. Because of the measures that we have used to protect these plants from virus infection, we believe them to be substantially virus-free."

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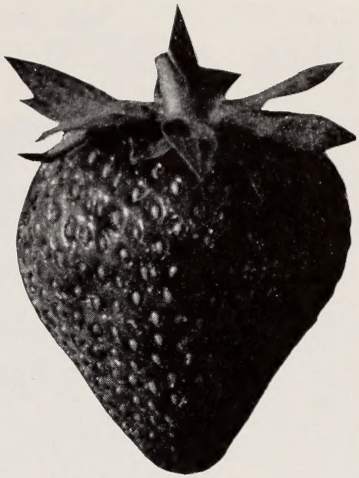
# EMPIRE

EXCELLENT FOR COMMERCIAL AND HOME USE IN THE NORTH.



Empire is another of the fine fruit developments of the New York State Experiment Station. Thus, it is well suited to the northern states where it is a fine midseason companion of Catskill. Yields are good and it has sufficient frost and winter hardiness to be a very dependable producer. Empire is an especially attractive berry since it has a very glossy, medium red color and a fine green cap. The berry shape is somewhat elongate and irregular. Berry size is large and this size holds up well for the entire picking season. The flesh color of Empire is somewhat pale, and it is a bit soft, but the flavor is very good. Large berries may have a hollow center. However, its large size, fine appearance and good flavor rate Empire as a real profit maker in northern states. We definitely believe you will like this excellent variety.

Plants of Empire are very vigorous and are hardy in cold climates. Runner plants are developed freely and result in a good fruiting row. In all the New England area, we believe you will have excellent results with Rayner's virus-free Empire. It is very good for any fresh market sales but is not rated too highly for processing.

**Empire Prices: 100 for $3.60; 1,000 for $18.00. Order Early. Complete prices page 16.**

**February 9, 1959** **Pulaski, Penna.**

**For eight years I have used Rayner's dormant plants and never had a failure. Catskill is one of our best for the roadside market. Pocahontas is large and hardy and a great producer of indestructible berries. Last season I averaged 1¾ quarts per plant set.**

**C. W. McElhaney**

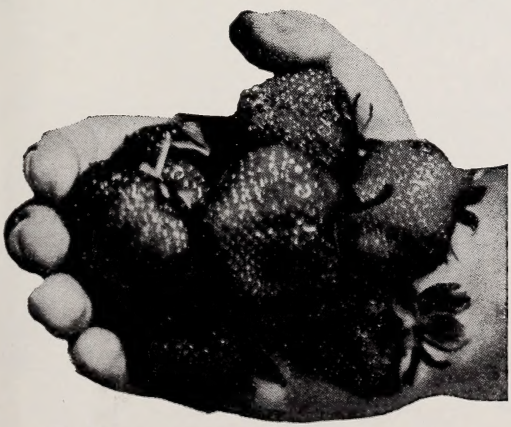
**NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU PAY**

You will never buy berries as good as the fresh harvests of your own locality. With "shipped-in" berries the quality and flavor cannot match the vine-ripened perfection right out of the patch. That's why more and more folks grow their own. Grow more! Save more! Have more!

## EXTRA LARGE BERRIES LATE — FINE FOR THE NORTH

**VIRUS-FREE**

# ARMORE



During the past few years Armore (also known as Red Cluster) has gained greatly in popularity in the northeastern states. Partly this is due to its close resemblance to the well known Catskill. In fact, Armore could almost be considered a late-season Catskill. Its berries are very large and have a nice bright color that makes them very attractive. The flesh color is light red and the quality is good. It is good for freezing.

An outstanding feature of this variety is its high yields — tests in Ohio have shown over 12,000 quarts per acre and over 13,000 quarts were reported from New York. Armore is a very good plant maker and on most soils will make a good fruiting bed without difficulty. In fact some care is necessary to prevent the beds from becoming too thickly matted since this drastically reduces yield and quality. This variety is best suited to cool climates. Rayner's registered virus-free stock of Armore will prove that this is a fine variety.

**100 Plants for $3.60; 1,000 for $18.00. Complete Prices Page 16. Postal Rates Page 17.**

# TENN. BEAUTY

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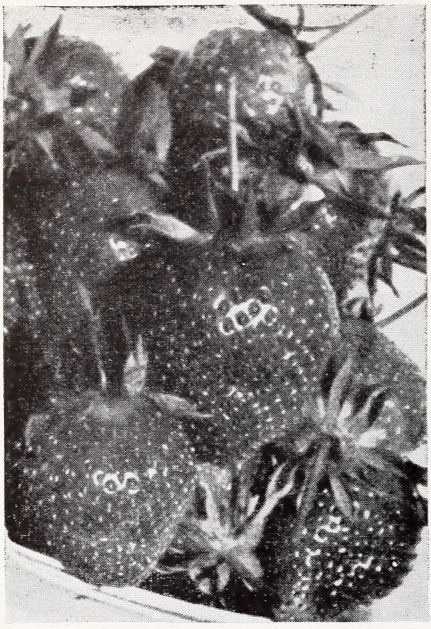


## BIG YIELDS — FIRM — LATE

Tennessee Beauty is recommended as a commercial variety in south central and eastern states, where its firmness is a definite advantage. Many growers tell us that it is their best producer.

The berries are of medium size and have a bright, deep red color. The flavor is good, and the slight tartness results in fine quality. For freezing and preserving Tennessee Beauty rates high since it produces a fine bright red product. One feature of this variety that is desirable for processing is the ease with which the cap comes off. In fact ripe berries often loose their cap when they are picked. With its many fine features such as good quality, firmness, beauty, and high production, Tennessee Beauty is definitely a good variety both for commercial and home plantings.

Although we do not recommend large scale planting of Tennessee Beauty in the northern states, it is considered a good commercial variety in parts of Michigan. Rayner's virus-free stock of this fine variety is extra vigorous and will get your plants off to a flying start that will result in excellent fruiting rows and high yields.

**ORDER EARLY**

**100 Plants $3.50; 1,000 for $17.50. Prices on P. 16.**

March 14, 1959 — Castlewood, Virginia

We picked 3 big crops from the 1000 Tennessee Beauty obtained from Rayner's 4 years ago. They produced like magic, were of excellent quality, and the largest berries that have ever been grown around here.

R. C. Dorton

# STELEMASTER

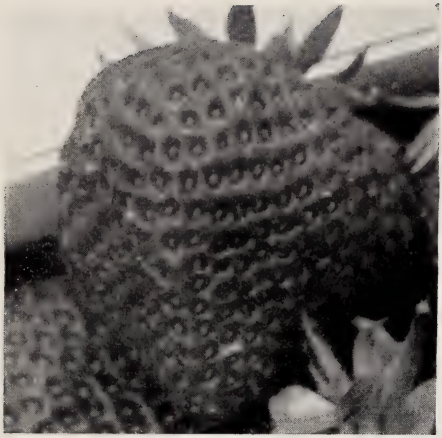
VIRUS-FREE

## SUPERIOR RESISTANCE TO RED STELE

In soils where the red stele disease is a problem Stelemaster can be the difference between a good crop and a failure. It was developed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture because of the increasing need for superior resistance to red stele. Stelemaster ripens early and produces elongate, firm berries of good size. The flavor and quality are good. Under good growing conditions Stelemaster can produce very high yields and will have vigorous growth. However, it is not well suited to poor or sandy soils. If the red stele disease is a problem, we recommend a trial planting of Stelemaster for the early variety.

Rayner's stock of virus-free Stelemaster will give good results in the eastern and central states.

**Prices: 100 plants for $3.70. 1,000 for $18.50. Complete Prices Page 16.**



# EARLIDAWN

## EARLIEST OF ALL STRAWBERRIES
## FROST RESISTANT. PRODUCTIVE.

**VIRUS-FREE**

Earlidawn is rapidly making a place for itself as a fine early strawberry in many parts of the eastern and central states. So far the supply of plants has not been sufficient to fill the demands for this new variety but this season we believe all orders can be filled.

The ripening season is a day ahead of Midland and two or three days earlier than Premier. Thus, Earlidawn is the earliest strawberry variety. Even though it is very early, Earlidawn still is very frost resistant and has produced good crops in locations where Premier and others were badly damaged by frost. Its berries are light red in color and are very bright and attractive. They are large and have a wide, blunt shape. The flesh is fairly firm and has a bright color. However, Earlidawn is quite tart and thus may not appeal to those who prefer a sweet berry. The fruit of Earlidawn ripens uniformly with more than fifty per cent being harvested in the first week.

Plants of Earlidawn are vigorous but they do not make a dense fruiting row. This is a very good feature for commercial production since it results in a large crop throughout the row; reduces fruit rot; and results in uniform ripening and quality.

**100 Plants $4.00; 1,000 for $20.00. Complete Prices Page 16. Postal Rates Page 17.**

**October 10, 1959** — **Navarre, Ohio**

**I received the Red Rich Everbearing plants on August 12th. On September 15 I picked large delicious berries, just 34 days after planting. I am enclosing snapshots of these plants. As you will see they were raised in boxes, not in a greenhouse. I am pleased with my success.**

**George T. Eberly**

**March 30, 1959** — **Salem, Missouri**

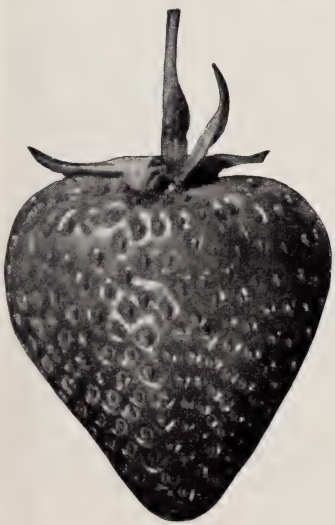
**From 96 plants of Rayner's stock of Robinson strawberry plants I picked 116 quarts besides those we ate from the vines.**

**George A. Simons**

**UNUSUALLY VIGOROUS**

# ROBINSON

**VIRUS FREE**



## Extra Large Berries

Robinson (also known as Kardinal King and Scarlet Beauty) has several outstanding good features that far out-weigh its less desirable qualities. It is one of the most vigorous plant makers and will often give good results in poor or sandy soils where other varieties fail. Even under drought conditions it will usually produce good crops. Another fine quality is its very large berry size. Fruit of Robinson are really large and with their light red color, they bring good prices. Its ripening period begins soon after Premier but it is generally considered a midseason variety. In Michigan Robinson is the leading commercial variety. The plants are small but the fruiting beds are very wide and vigorous — in fact best results are obtained if late-formed runners are removed.

In cool climates the quality and firmness of Robinson is good enough to satisfy most customers. However, in warm areas it may not be suitable. Because of its vigor and large berry size Robinson remains a favorite of many home gardeners and commercial growers in the northeast. Rayner's registered virus-free stock of Robinson will bring the best out of this variety.

**100 Plants for $3.50; 1,000 for $17.50. Prices on P. 16.**

VIRUS FREE

# FAIRFAX

BEST STRAWBERRY FOR FINE FLAVOR

Fairfax is the variety for those who want the best in fresh strawberry flavor. This famous early variety has long been a favorite with those who really appreciate high quality in strawberries. And now with virus-free vigor Fairfax is becoming much more popular with home gardeners and growers who produce quality berries. The berries are of good size and have a dark red color inside and out. At full ripeness they are very dark and this fact causes those who do not know Fairfax to believe that it is over-ripe whereas they have just reached the best flavor. Fairfax is well adapted to the northern states as it is quite winter-hardy, also it is firm enough to be a fine garden variety in all the central and middle-Atlantic states. Fairfax is not generally rated high for freezing since the frozen product develops a purplish color but for fresh use it is outstanding. Rayner's registered virus-free stock will bring the best out of this fine variety.

**100 Plants for $3.60; 1,000 for $18.00. Complete Prices Page 16.**

**March 17, 1959** **Arvada, Colorado**

**The strawberry plants purchased from Rayner Bros. in 1956 were the nicest I have ever obtained. Fairfax was simply wonderful, very large, firm, and of course wonderful in flavor. Midland produced the largest berries I have ever seen in the state. Catskill was wonderful too and Tennessee Beauty produced very well.**

**Robert F. Eubanks**

# BIG JOE

## PROVEN GOOD BY MANY YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL CROPS

Because of its bright, large berries and attractive cap Big Joe is still a favorite with many growers. It ripens in midseason and produces its berries on tall stems. The foliage is light green and tall and the plants are quite vigorous. If growing conditions are good Big Joe will produce a nice crop but in general it will not yield as well as some of the newer varieties. However, this variety has been grown continuously for over 60 years and therefore must have many good features to still rate as a favorite with so many growers. Rayner's stock of Big Joe is sure to give good results.

**100 Plants for $3.70; 1,000 for $18.50. Complete Prices Page 16.**

VIRUS FREE

# VERMILION

## ONE OF THE BEST LATE

In 1950 Vermilion was introduced by the University of Illinois as a red stele resistant variety for commercial production in the north-central states. It is also being grown both as a commercial and home garden berry in much of the northeast. It often ripens fairly late in the season and thus is a competitor of Sparkle. This is probably the reason why Vermilion has not become widely popular. Its fruit is medium size and has good quality. The berries are attractive and have a good red color both inside and out. They are fairly firm and are produced on long, upright stems. The fruit is good for fresh use and also good for freezing.

Foliage of Vermilion is very vigorous and resistant to leaf spot. If red stele is a problem in your soil, this is one of the varieties you should try.

**100 Plants $3.60; 1,000 for $18.00. Complete Prices Page 16. See Page 17 for Postal Rates.**

# DIXIELAND

**VIRUS FREE**

## FIRMEST OF ALL STRAWBERRIES. FINE COMMERCIAL VARIETY

There are two very valuable features of Dixieland that make it an important commercial variety. First is the unusual firmness of the berry. This quality is of extreme importance to growers and produce buyers who ship to distant markets. Dixieland arrives in fine condition and brings repeat orders because when placed on the sales shelf it still is bright and attractive. Another important quality of Dixieland is its resistance to fruit rot. It will often produce perfect berries under wet conditions that favor much loss of other varieties.

Dixieland ripens early and is sufficiently frost-resistant to give fine yields in northern states. The berries are large and light-red in color. They have a distinct neck and a small cap. The flavor is definitely tart but for preserves there is no better variety. The bright inside color helps make Dixieland an excellent variety for freezing. In the southern states it has replaced Blakemore to a large extent because it has many of its good qualities plus larger size.

Plants of Dixieland are quite vigorous and will grow well in nearly any soil type. The plants do not mat too heavily in the row and thus a good crop develops in the entire bed. We do not rate Dixieland high for fresh eating but for preserves, jams, jellies, and freezing it is excellent. Rayners virus-free stock of Dixieland will produce top yields and big profits. If you are looking for a strawberry that will stand long-distance shipment and has good size and appearance we definitely recommend this U.S.D.A. variety.

**Prices: 100 Plants for $3.60; 1,000 for $18.00. Complete Prices on Page 16.**

## MOST PERFECT OF ALL BERRIES

# ALBRITTON

## VIRUS FREE

## CAROLINA FAVORITE

This excellent variety originated as a result of a cooperative breeding program between the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture and the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station. Albritton is unquestionably one of the most perfect of all strawberries. It is very large, has a beautiful glossy color with bright seeds, and a large attractive cap. The fruit are so uniform in shape that they look as if they were all carefully graded. Flavor and quality are excellent and the flesh is firm enough to be a good shipping berry. It is considered a late variety.

If it were not for one bad feature Albritton would be one of the most popular of all strawberries. Unfortunately it is very restricted as to the area where it will produce consistently good yields. In the coastal area of North Carolina it is usually excellent but in areas of Virginia, Maryland, and New Jersey it is not always a dependable variety. Some seasons it will produce a fine crop of late berries but in other years the yield will be poor.

Plants of Albritton are vigorous but do not become thickly matted in the row, this results in a fine fruiting bed with uniform ripening.

From South Carolina to Virginia this is a fine variety for home plantings and in North Carolina it is an excellent commercial variety.

**100 Plants $3.20; 1,000 for $16.00. Complete Prices Page 16.**

FAVORITE EARLY VARIETY
FOR NORTHERN STATES

# PREMIER

## VIRUS-FREE

Premier originated in Massachusetts in 1918 under the name of Howard 17. But later is became known as Premier and the original name has been forgotten. Although it is being replaced to some extent by newer varieties, the fine qualities of Premier which have made it a leader for 40 years still keep it a favorite.

The berries ripen early and have a light, bright color that is quite attractive. Primary berries are large and often double, but later berries are of medium size. The flavor is fairly good and slightly acid. However, the inner flesh is somewhat pale and does not produce the best frozen product. Berry texture is somewhat soft but in northern areas is adequate for fresh market sales and home use. Premier is very hardy and will grow in nearly any soil type. Rayner's Premier is of the U.S.D.A. type.

**100 Plants $3.50; 1,000 for $17.50.**

**Complete Prices on Page 16. See Postal Rates on Page 17.**

# SENATOR DUNLAP VIRUS FREE

Senator Dunlap, or Dunlap, as it is commonly called, is one of the oldest strawberry varieties still commonly grown. This fine old variety originated in 1890 and now with virus-free stock is increasing in popularity in areas of the north central states where other varieties do not give good results. Senator Dunlap grows well in areas where there are dry summers and very cold winters. It ripens in early midseason and produces medium size berries of very high quality. The berries are a deep red color inside, but the flesh is soft. Rayner's virus-free stock will bring the best out of this old variety. **1,000 Plants $14.00.**

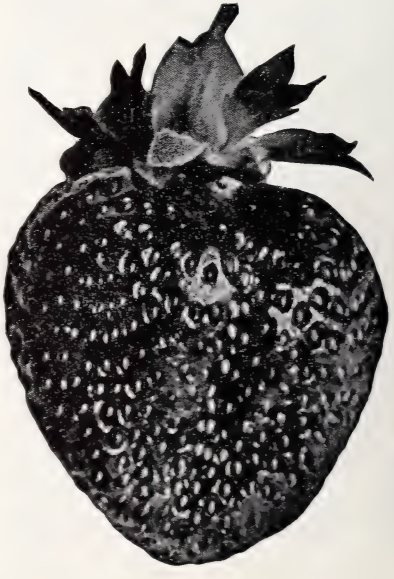
# REDSTAR VIRUS FREE

The big feature of Redstar is its unusual lateness. It ripens a week or more after the normal late varieties such as Sparkle, Armore, Fairpeake, etc. Thus, Redstar is very popular with both home gardeners and commercial producers who want to extend the berry season as long as possible. Another advantage of this lateness is that Redstar rarely is hurt by frost and thus is a dependable producer.

Redstar does best in fertile soil where it will make a nice bed of unusually large plants. The fruit is large, attractive, and has a very big cap that makes Redstar a beautiful berry. Flavor and quality is good and it makes a nice frozen product.

Rayner's registered stock of virus-free Redstar has resulted in a great increase in popularity of this fine variety. It still requires good growing conditions for best results, but now Redstar is much more dependable. In any of the northern areas where a very late strawberry is desired we believe that Redstar will be very satisfactory.

**100 Plants for $3.70; 1,000 for $18.50. Complete Prices on Page 16.**



# POCAHONTAS

## AMAZING VIGOR AND YIELDS LARGE, HIGH QUALITY BERRIES—VIRUS-FREE

Pocahontas is the most sensational variety we have ever offered. Since its release in 1953 by the U.S.D.A. it has rapidly climbed to the top of our sales list. Never has a strawberry been more widely tested and never has one come through with such flying colors. In Ohio it yielded at the rate of 12,342 quarts per acre and in West Virginia it was best in an average of 16 test plantings. These are but a few of the official records and in addition our customers have sent us many enthusiastic reports.

Pocahontas ripens in midseason and produces large, firm berries of a very bright color, both inside and outside. The size holds up very well for the entire picking season. When allowed to ripen properly it has wonderful flavor but if picked too soon it may be fairly tart. Pocahontas is fine for freezing and preserves. Its vigor and high yields make Pocahontas a favorite in nearly all the area east of the Mississippi. As far south as Georgia and northward to New England it is an excellent variety.

Under special conditions such as the plastic mulch system or the hill system or modified runner system Pocahontas has proven to be outstanding.

Rayner's registered stock of Pocahontas will give outstanding results. If you want an extra special strawberry for either home use or commercial production be sure to try Rayner's registered stock of virus-free Pocahontas; there is none better.

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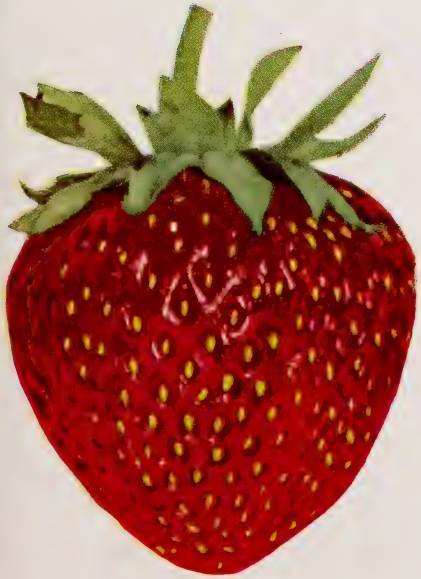
# SPARKLE

**VIRUS-FREE**



## FINE FOR FLAVOR AND FREEZING LATE—RED STELE RESISTANT

Sparkle is a very appropriate name for this excellent variety since its berries have a rich red color that is unusually bright and glossy. The seeds are also bright, and the cap is a rich green, so you can readily see why Sparkle is such a beautiful berry.

It is very winter hardy and frost resistant and is thus well adapted to the northern states. From Virginia to Maine and westward to Michigan and Missouri it is an excellent late variety. The fine appearance of Sparkle is accompanied by excellent flavor and thus it is well liked for fresh use. The flesh is solid and has a nice rich color that results in a fine frozen product. With virus-free vigor Sparkle is an excellent plant maker and will grow well in nearly any reasonably fertile soil. The foliage is deep green in color and is quite resistant to leaf troubles. In addition, Sparkle is resistant to the red stele disease. Yields are good with official reports of 7,000 to 11,000 quarts per acre. All these fine features make Sparkle a good, dependable variety that will produce nice crops and profits year after year. Rayner's virus-free stock will prove that this is a fine variety for either home use or commercial plantings.

**See Page 16 for Full Price List.**

*BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST*

# CATSKILL

## BIG CROPS OF BIG BERRIES FINE FLAVOR—VERY HARDY

VIRUS-FREE

With so many new varieties available there may be a tendency to overlook this excellent older variety. Catskill was developed at the New York Experimental Station in 1933 and has consistently been an outstanding variety. It is very hardy and will give good results in all of the northeastern states. Rayner's vigorous, virus-free Catskill will amaze you with its heavy crops of big, delicious berries. This dependable, proven variety is one of the leaders for all northern states for home gardens or commercial use. It is also popular in the central states and higher elevations of the southern area.

Fruit of Catskill is somewhat irregular in shape, but its large size, bright red color, and nice cap give a fine appearance that attracts the customers and brings top prices. Catskill is not as firm as Pocahontas but if handled promptly it is quite satisfactory. Recent tests in Ohio and other states show it to be one of the most productive of all strawberries with official yields of 7,700 to 12,000 quarts per acre. For one of the finest berries in northern states be sure and try Rayner's Catskill.

**Complete Prices Page 16. Postal Rates Page 17.**

# SURECROP

## HIGH RESISTANCE TO DISEASE—VERY VIGOROUS GOOD QUALITY AND YIELD • VIRUS-FREE

This excellent midseason variety originated from the fine strawberry breeding program of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. It has multiple resistance to the red stele disease and is also resistant to leaf spot and leaf scorch. Also Surecrop is resistant to the Verticillium wilt disease. When all this disease resistance is combined with the fact that Surecrop is very drought resistant and cold hardy you see why it is a very dependable strawberry.

Yields of Surecrop are very good and its large, attractive berries bring good prices. They are firm and have good flavor and are fine for freezing.

Surecrop is unusually vigorous and often makes an abundance of plants in soils where most other varieties would fail. In fact it may make too many plants in good soil, so for best results the rows should not be allowed to become too heavily matted. After beds become about 24 inches wide the runners should be kept removed. This results in much better berries and bigger yields.

Surecrop is one of the most important commercial varieties in Maryland and is rapidly gaining popularity in other states. For home gardens, roadside sales, and large commercial plantings Surecrop is a fine variety. Rayner's registered virus-free stock of Surecrop is a real winner for most of the central and eastern states.

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Virus - Free

# BLAKEMORE

Blakemore has several features that make it a leading commercial variety in the southeastern states. It is unusually vigorous, making fine fruiting beds in the warm, southern states. In poor soils and under drought conditions Blakemore will usually succeed where most strawberries would fail. In addition the fruit of Blakemore is very firm and ideally suited to processing and freezing. Likewise these berries have long been recognized for their ability to hold up well in shipment. The berries are generally of small to medium size but their light, bright color gives a good appearance. Blakemore is an early variety and a very dependable producer of good yields. The berries have a definite neck and a cap that is easily removed. The flavor is tart for fresh use but in preserves and jams it cannot be beat. Thus, if home-made strawberry preserves are a favorite in your home why not try the variety that has been proven to be outstanding for this purpose. Rayner's registered stock is yellows-free and virus-free.

**100 Plants $2.95; 1,000 for $15.00** **See P. 16 for Complete Prices.**

RED STELE RESISTANT

# FAIRLAND

VIGOROUS PRODUCTIVE

Because of its resistance to red stele disease and high yields of good berries Fairland is a fine commercial variety in areas of the northern states. Another good feature of Fairland is its good plant vigor; it will grow well in wet or dry soils and is very winter hardy and thus is a consistently good producer. The berries ripen in midseason and are of medium to large size. In plants where the runners have been controlled and growing conditions are satisfactory berry size and quality is extra-good. The fruit are a glossy-red color, with a solid red interior that gives an excellent frozen product. Thus, Fairland is also a popular variety for home gardens and for local sales. Virus free stock has never been found but Fairland has natural resistance to this trouble and continues to be a good dependable variety.

**100 Plants $3.70; 1,000 for $18.50. Complete price list on page 16.**

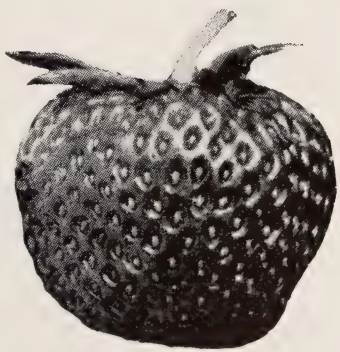
**June 18, 1959** **Wilton, Conn.**
**I have certainly enjoyed our first picking of strawberries. They were even better than you describe them in your booklet.**
**T. G. Tousey**

# MIDLAND

VIRUS - FREE. OUTSTANDING EARLY VARIETY. Top Quality

With the development of virus-free stock Midland has made a great comeback. In fact it has become so popular that there is a definite shortage of registered, virus-free stock. The features that make Midland so good are extra earliness, large size, high yields, unusually fine quality, and good appearance. In addition it is one of the best strawberries for freezing. Thus, Midland is rapidly gaining in popularity as a leading early commercial variety.

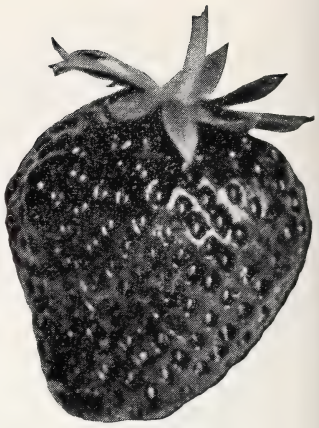
Under good growing conditions Midland makes a nice fruiting row with well-spaced plants. However, in poor or dry soil it may not make sufficient plants to give its best yield. Thus, for best results with Midland good soil, adequate moisture, and good care are necessary. If these are provided you will be rewarded with one of the finest of all strawberries. Midland gives good results in most of the central and northeastern states and in 1958 produced 6,700 quarts per acre in official tests on Long Island.



**100 Plants $3.90; 1,000 for $19.50. Complete Prices Page 16. Postal Rates Page 17.**

**March 1, 1959** **Sissonnville, W. Va.**
**In the spring of 1957 I put out 500 of Rayner's Catskill plants. As a beginner I had the best results, picking over 750 quarts.**
**Virgil Moon**

# FAIRPEAKE



A late ripening season and excellent quality are the outstanding characteristics of Fairpeake. It is not an important commercial variety but in much of the northeast it is very popular as a home garden variety and for roadside sales. The berries are large and quite attractive with a good green cap. Good soil with high fertility and adequate moisture are necessary for best results with Fairpeake.

This variety is a cross between Fairfax and Chesapeake and has much of the excellent flavor and high quality of both of these famous parents. Thus with its beauty and fine flavor Fairpeake provides the home gardener with a top quality berry long after early varieties are finished. Rayner's stock is vigorous and productive.

**100 for $3.90; 1,000 for $19.50. Prices on Page 16.**

# TEMPLE

**RED STELE RESISTANT**

Temple was the first strawberry variety developed for resistance to the red stele disease. Its excellent flavor makes Temple a favorite midseason variety for many growers.

The berries are a fine dark red color and are firm and of good quality. In moist, fertile soil the plants made a good fruiting bed. Temple is adapted primarily to the northeastern area.

**100 Plants for $3.60; 1,000 for $18.00. Complete Prices Page 16.**

# FLORIDA 90

**VIRUS FREE**

This is the most important variety for Florida where most of the standard strawberry varieties do not give good results. The berries are large and have a good flavor so if you want to grow strawberries in Florida you should certainly try Rayner's registered virus-free stock of Florida-90. Our plants are of the latest improved type and are sure to give good results for either home gardens or commercial plantings. For best yields and quality with Florida-90 be sure to try Rayner's U.S.D.A. stock.

**25 Plants $1.05; 100 for $2.80; 1,000 for $14.00. Prices Page 16.**

**KING SIZE**

# JERSEYBELLE

The large, unusually attractive fruit of Jerseybelle continues to make this the leading commercial strawberry in much of New Jersey. It brings more money at the auction block than any other variety and as a result there has been a great and rapid change in this area from Sparkle and other varieties in favor of Jerseybelle.

Berries of this variety are a fine, bright-red color that become dark as they ripen in late season. It has a large green cap with bright yellow seed. All these features give Jerseybelle unusual sales appeal. Ripe berries have a dry flesh and thus are quite well suited for commercial use. The flavor is not as good as in some varieties and the plants are not as vigorous as some. However the big feature of Jerseybelle is its large berries—the biggest of any variety we have seen.

**100 Plants $3.80; 1,000 for $19.00. Price List Page 16. Postal Rates Page 17.**

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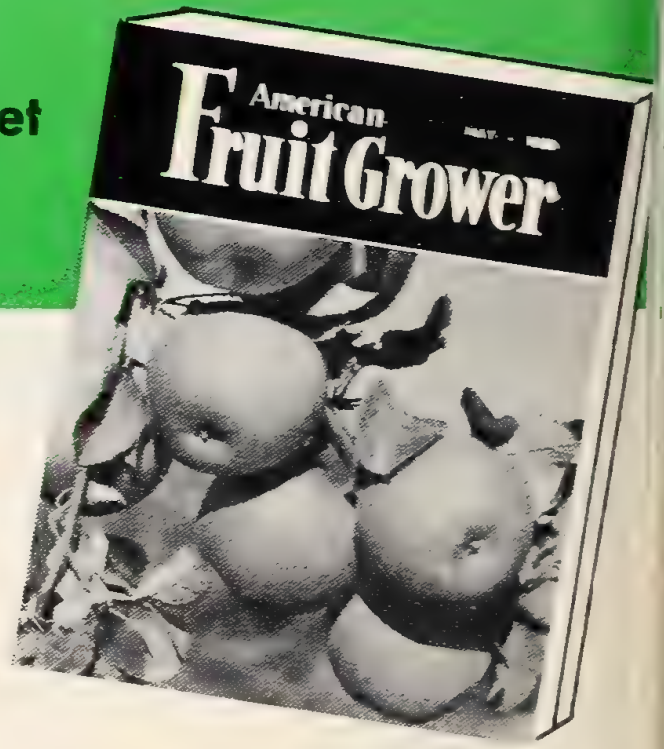


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# EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES

## PICK DELICIOUS STRAWBERRIES SPRING, SUMMER AND FALL

## SUPERFECTION

Superfection is our most dependable everbearer. It is a vigorous grower and readily produces good fruiting rows. This variety is also known as Gem and Brilliant.

The berries can be very large and quite attractive. The color is a good light red and the flavor ranges from mild to tart. Superfection is not as good as the June bearing varieties, but it will give you a fair amount of nice berries in June and July and another crop in the early fall that will continue until freezing weather.

**25 Plants $2.25; 100 for $6.00.**

**July 3, 1959** **Jackson, Ohio**

**I want to tell you that the plants we obtained last year from Rayner Bros. have done wonderful. We picked quart after quart of big, beautiful red, juicy berries. Ours made those in the markets look so sickly.**

**Mrs. Virgil Edwards**

**RED RICH IS SUFFICIENTLY DIFFERENT FROM OTHER EVERBEARERS TO BE GRANTED A PLANT PATENT. IT IS TRULY DELICIOUS.**

red rich
EVERBEARING

TRADE MARK

Red Rich is still the most delicious of all the everbearers. Its beauty and fine quality make it ideal for the home garden. The berries are large and have a nice cap that makes them very attractive. The inner flesh color is also good and results in a fine frozen product. Such excellent quality is not generally found in everbearers and thus Red Rich is highly prized by those who want a good berry when the regular varieties are just a memory.

Red Rich generally does not make many runner plants. Thus, it is well suited for use in berry terraces or in any type of hill system. Also, it is fine for border plantings. Because it is more difficult to grow than most strawberries, Red Rich should be planted in good, fertile soil and receive extra water during dry weather.

**12 Plants $2.95; 25 for $5.00; 50 for $8.50; or 100 for $15.00.** **Complete Prices Page 16.**

## STREAMLINER

**VIRUS FREE EVERBEARER**

Now that virus-free Streamliner is available we believe that you will surely want some of this excellent everbearer. It is a good plant maker and produces large, solid-red berries that have a delicious flavor. We believe that Streamliner is a very promising everbearer for most of the central and eastern states.

**Prices: 25 for $2.60; 50 for $4.40; 100 for $7.00.**

## GEM

Under most conditions Gem is so much like Superfection that there is little difference between these two varieties. We believe that in the northeastern states Gem will give equally good results and thus be as satisfactory in all respects as Superfection. It is truly an ideal everbearing variety.

**25 plants for $2.25; 100 for $6.00.**

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BETTER BERRIES BUILT OUR BUSINESS

# PRICE LIST

SATISFACTION OR YOUR MONEY BACK

# Rayner's High Quality Strawberry Plants

These prices are F.O.B. Salisbury, Md. They apply only to purchase of the varieties indicated. **Several varieties cannot be combined to obtain a lower rate.** The prices listed in this catalog supercede all other prices previously listed by Rayner Bros. Complete planting instructions sent with each order. Except for Red Rich we do not sell less than 25 plants of a variety.

| Early Varieties | 25 Plants | 50 Plants | 100 Plants | 200 Plants | 300 Plants | 500 Plants | 750 Plants | 1000 Plants | 5,000 lots per 1000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BLAKEMORE (V.F.) | $1.15 | $1.90 | $2.95 | $5.25 | $6.75 | $ 9.40 | $12.40 | $15.00 | $14.00 |
| DIXIELAND (V.F.) | 1.35 | 2.25 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 8.10 | 11.25 | 14.85 | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| EARLIDAWN (V.F.) | 1.50 | 2.50 | 4.00 | 7.00 | 9.00 | 12.50 | 16.50 | 20.00 | 19.00 |
| FAIRFAX (V.F.) | 1.35 | 2.25 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 8.10 | 11.25 | 14.85 | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| FLORIDA 90 (V.F.) | 1.05 | 1.75 | 2.80 | 4.90 | 6.30 | 8.75 | 11.55 | 14.00 | 13.00 |
| MIDLAND (V.F.) | 1.45 | 2.40 | 3.90 | 6.85 | 8.75 | 12.10 | 15.95 | 19.50 | 18.50 |
| PREMIER (V.F.) | 1.30 | 2.15 | 3.50 | 6.10 | 7.85 | 10.95 | 14.35 | 17.50 | 16.50 |
| REDGLOW (V.F.) | 1.35 | 2.25 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 8.10 | 11.25 | 14.85 | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| STELEMASTER (V.F.) | 1.40 | 2.30 | 3.70 | 6.50 | 8.35 | 11.55 | 15.25 | 18.50 | 17.50 |
| **Midseason Varieties** | | | | | | | | | |
| BIG JOE | 1.40 | 2.30 | 3.70 | 6.50 | 8.35 | 11.55 | 15.25 | 18.50 | 17.50 |
| CATSKILL (V.F.) | 1.35 | 2.25 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 8.10 | 11.25 | 14.85 | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| EMPIRE (V.F.) | 1.35 | 2.25 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 8.10 | 11.25 | 14.85 | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| FAIRLAND | 1.40 | 2.30 | 3.70 | 6.50 | 8.35 | 11.55 | 15.25 | 18.50 | 17.50 |
| POCAHONTAS (V.F.) | 1.35 | 2.25 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 8.10 | 11.25 | 14.85 | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| ROBINSON (V.F.) | 1.30 | 2.15 | 3.50 | 6.10 | 7.85 | 10.95 | 14.35 | 17.50 | 16.50 |
| SEN. DUNLAP (V.F.) | 1.05 | 1.75 | 2.80 | 4.90 | 6.30 | 8.75 | 11.55 | 14.00 | 13.00 |
| SURECROP (V.F.) | 1.35 | 2.25 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 8.10 | 11.25 | 14.85 | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| TEMPLE | 1.35 | 2.25 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 8.10 | 11.25 | 14.85 | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| **Late Varieties** | | | | | | | | | |
| ALBRITTON (V.F.) | 1.20 | 2.00 | 3.20 | 5.60 | 7.20 | 10.00 | 13.20 | 16.00 | 15.00 |
| ARMORE (V.F.) | 1.35 | 2.25 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 8.10 | 11.25 | 14.85 | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| FAIRPEAKE | 1.45 | 2.40 | 3.90 | 6.85 | 8.75 | 12.10 | 15.95 | 19.50 | 18.50 |
| JERSEYBELLE | 1.45 | 2.35 | 3.80 | 6.60 | 8.55 | 11.85 | 15.65 | 19.00 | 18.00 |
| REDSTAR (V.F.) | 1.40 | 2.30 | 3.70 | 6.50 | 8.35 | 11.55 | 15.25 | 18.50 | 17.50 |
| SPARKLE (V.F.) | 1.35 | 2.25 | 3.60 | 6.30 | 8.10 | 11.25 | 14.85 | 18.00 | 17.00 |
| TENN. BEAUTY (V.F.) | 1.30 | 2.15 | 3.50 | 6.10 | 7.85 | 10.95 | 14.35 | 17.50 | 16.50 |
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| **Everbearing Varieties** | | | | | | | | | |
| GEM | 2.25 | 3.75 | 6.00 | 10.50 | 13.50 | 18.75 | —— | —— | Write for prices on larger quantities. |
| RED RICH | 5.00 | 8.50 | 15.00 | 29.00 | 38.30 | 62.50 | —— | —— | |
| STREAMLINER (V.F.) | 2.60 | 4.40 | 7.00 | 12.25 | 15.75 | 21.85 | —— | —— | |
| SUPERFECTION | 2.25 | 3.75 | 6.00 | 10.50 | 13.50 | 18.75 | 24.75 | 30.00 | |

**(V.F.) — Indicates plants are grown under virus-free conditions.** **See page 4 for definition of virus-free.**

**All of our plants are guaranteed.** **See page 4 for details of our guarantee.**

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**TERMS — One-fourth with order; balance before shipment.**

**All Prices F.O.B. Salisbury, Maryland**

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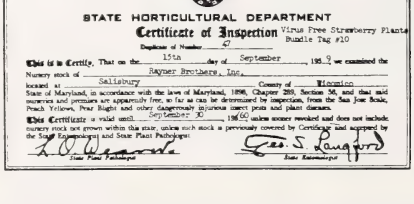
**WE WILL BE GLAD TO QUOTE DELIVERED PRICES.**



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COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND — DATE September 15, 1939

STATE HORTICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

**Certificate of Inspection** Virus Free Strawberry Plants
Bundle Tag #10

Duplicate of Number 47

This is to Certify, That on the 15th day of September, 1939, we examined the Nursery stock of Rayner Brothers, Inc.,
located at Salisbury, County of Wicomico
State of Maryland, in accordance with the laws of Maryland, 1898, Chapter 289, Section 56, and that said nurseries and premises are apparently free, so far as can be determined by inspection, from the San Jose Scale, Peach Yellows, Pear Blight and other dangerously injurious insect pests and plant diseases.

This Certificate is valid until September 30, 1940 unless sooner revoked and does not include nursery stock not grown within this state, unless such stock is previously covered by Certificate and approved by the State Entomologist and State Plant Pathologist.

L. O. Weaver — State Plant Pathologist
Geo. S. Langford — State Entomologist

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Your Parcel Post ZONE is listed below with your State. Locate this ZONE number in the Parcel Post Rate Chart below and include postage for total weight of your shipment. Please note weight of each type of plant is listed. Please include this amount with your order. It will save you the C.O.D. collection charge made by the Postoffice on Parcel Post Collect shipments. On orders of 2,000 strawberry plants beyond the 3rd zone, and on all orders of more than 3,000 plants express is cheaper. Do not send money for express shipments since cost will be collected on delivery. If you do not indicate how to ship we will use best way, charges collect. After May 15 all postal orders of plants will be sent by "Special Handling" in order to prevent any delay during warm weather.

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| Connecticut 3 | Maine 4 | (north of New | (Counties south | Richmond 2) |
| Delaware 1 & 2 | Maryland 1 & 2 | Brunswick 3) | and east of | Washington 8 |
| Dt. Columbia 2 | Massachusetts 4 | New Mexico 7 | Harrisburg 2) | West Virginia 3 |
| Florida 5 | Michigan 4 | New York 3 | Rhode Island 3 | (Charleston and |
| Georgia 4 | Minnesota 5 | (north of | South Carolina 4 | south and west 4) |
| Idaho 8 | Mississippi 5 | Albany 4) | South Dakota 6 | Wisconsin 5 |
| Illinois 5 | Missouri 5 | North Carolina 3 | Tennessee 5 | Wyoming 7 |

## WEIGHT TABLE*

**(Includes packing material & container)**

**STRAWBERRIES**

| Quantity of Plants | Weight in lbs. |
|---|---|
| 25 Plants | 1 lb. |
| 50 Plants | 2 lbs. |
| 100 Plants | 4 lbs. |
| 200 Plants | 8 lbs. |
| 300 Plants | 12 lbs. |
| 400 Plants | 16 lbs. |
| 500 Plants | 20 lbs. |
| 750 Plants | 25 lbs. |
| 1000 Plants | 30 lbs. |

**BLACKBERRIES RASPBERRIES**

| Quantity | Weight |
|---|---|
| 6 Plants | 3 lbs. |
| 12 Plants | 6 lbs. |
| 25 Plants | 10 lbs. |
| 50 Plants | 15 lbs. |
| 100 Plants | 20 lbs. |
| 250 Plants | 50 lbs. |

**ASPARAGUS**

1 yr. Plants, double the Strawberry rate.

2 and 3 yr., 3 times the Strawberry rate.

**GRAPES, RHUBARB**

| Quantity | Weight |
|---|---|
| 3 Vines (or roots) | 4 lbs. |
| each additional add | 12 ounces |

**BLUEBERRIES**

| Quantity | Weight |
|---|---|
| 6 Plants 1 yr., 3-9" | 2 lbs. |
| each additional plant add | 2 ounces |
| 6 Plants 2 yr., 9-12" | 5 lbs. |
| each additional plant add | 3 ounces |
| 6 Plants 3 yr., 12-18" | 12 lbs. |
| each additional plant add | 1 lb. |
| 6 Plants 3 yr., 18-24" | 15 lbs. |
| each additional plant add | 1½ lbs. |
| 6 Plants - Jumbo Size | 18 lbs. |
| each additional plant add | 2 lbs. |

**SHRUBS AND TREES**

Not over 2 ft. tall, each ..... 1 lb.

2 ft. to 4 ft. tall, each ..... 2 lbs.

**EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS** — 15 lbs. per 100 plants

**MULTIFLORA ROSE** — 15 lbs. per 100 plants

* Due to variation in plants these are approximate weights only. If you send too much for postage we will promptly refund any over payment. If not enough is sent we will request it.

## PLEASE INCLUDE POSTAGE WITH ORDER

**If you send too much we will promptly rebate at time of shipment. FOR SPECIAL HANDLING please add 25c on orders up to 2 lbs.; 35c up to 10 lbs., and 50c if over 10 lbs. Mark on order, "Ship Special Handling."**

## PARCEL POST RATES

| Weight in pounds | Zones 1-2 | Zone 3 | Zone 4 | Zone 5 | Zone 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | $ .23 | $ .23 | $ .24 | $ .26 | $ .32 |
| 2 | .27 | .29 | .31 | .36 | .51 |
| 3 | .31 | .34 | .38 | .45 | .69 |
| 4 | .35 | .39 | .45 | .54 | .87 |
| 5 | .39 | .44 | .52 | .63 | 1.05 |
| 6 | .43 | .49 | .59 | .73 | 1.23 |
| 7 | .47 | .54 | .66 | .82 | 1.41 |
| 8 | .51 | .60 | .73 | .91 | 1.59 |
| 9 | .55 | .65 | .80 | 1.00 | 1.77 |
| 10 | .59 | .70 | .87 | 1.10 | 1.95 |
| 11 | .63 | .75 | .93 | 1.19 | 2.13 |
| 12 | .67 | .80 | 1.00 | 1.28 | 2.31 |
| 13 | .71 | .85 | 1.07 | 1.37 | 2.49 |
| 14 | .75 | .90 | 1.14 | 1.47 | 2.67 |
| 15 | .79 | .96 | 1.21 | 1.56 | 2.85 |
| 20 | .99 | 1.21 | 1.56 | 2.02 | 3.75 |
| 21 | 1.02 | 1.26 | 1.62 | 2.11 | 3.93 |
| 22 | 1.06 | 1.32 | 1.69 | 2.21 | 4.12 |
| 23 | 1.10 | 1.37 | 1.76 | 2.30 | 4.30 |
| 24 | 1.14 | 1.42 | 1.83 | 2.39 | 4.48 |
| 25 | 1.18 | 1.47 | 1.90 | 2.48 | 4.66 |
| 30 | 1.38 | 1.73 | 2.25 | 2.95 | 5.56 |
| 35 | 1.58 | 1.99 | 2.59 | 3.41 | 6.46 |
| 40 | 1.78 | 2.24 | 2.94 | 3.87 | 7.36 |
| 45 | 1.97 | 2.50 | 3.28 | 4.33 | 8.27 |
| 50 | 2.17 | 2.76 | 3.63 | 4.80 | 9.17 |
| 55 | 2.37 | 3.02 | 3.97 | 5.26 | 10.07 |
| 60 | 2.57 | 3.27 | 4.32 | 5.72 | 10.97 |
| 65 | 2.76 | 3.53 | 4.66 | 6.18 | 11.88 |
| 70 | 2.96 | 3.79 | 5.01 | 6.65 | 12.78 |

We will notify you by first class mail the day your order is shipped. Be on the alert for your plants so there will be no delay in receiving them. Rayner's plants are guaranteed.

# Growing Strawberries

Strawberries are one of the easiest fruits to grow. Good plants set at the proper season in good soil will respond with ordinary care and cultivation. There is nothing complicated about growing strawberries, and by following these easy instructions the beginner can be sure of good results. Rayner's certified stock is further assurance of success.

**Where strawberries can be grown:** In every state of the union strawberries are grown at least to some extent. They are quite hardy and will give good results in any reasonably fertile soil that is fairly well drained. Like other fruit, strawberries will not produce a good crop in a shady location.

**Soil and fertilizer:** A good soil for strawberries is one that is slightly acid, in good condition, and reasonably free of weed seed. Newly plowed pasture land or sod often gives poor results but recently cleared woodland is excellent. If good soil is properly prepared it can be successfully replanted to strawberries a year after an old planting was plowed up. Important requirements for strawberries are high organic matter and high fertility. Well rotted barnyard manure is one of the best materials for good strawberry growth but other organic matter is very helpful. Well rotted poultry manure can be used but may cause plant injury and also increases the weed problem. It is usually best to apply from 1,000 to 1,500 lbs. per acre of a 10-6-4 or 8-8-8 fertilizer. Urea-type fertilizers are also excellent since strawberries have a high nitrogen requirement. Plow under about 1/3 of the total fertilizer 2 or 3 weeks before planting and apply the rest as side or top dressings during the growing season. An application in late August or early September is very important since this is the time fruit buds are developed for the next crop. In general it is best not to apply much fertilizer to strawberry beds in early spring. This may cause excess vine growth and decreased fruit production.

**When to plant:** Early spring is the best time in most sections but in areas of the north it is sometimes best to wait until May or even early June when the soil is in better condition. With Rayner's dormant plants there is a definite trend toward summer planting and with irrigation this is often very successful. However in cold climates we do not recommend planting after the middle of July. Plants set in late summer or fall are often injured or killed by cold weather.

**How to plant:** It is important not to set the plant too deep or too shallow. Do not clip the roots but spread them out full length and press dirt around the plant so that the roots are firmly anchored in the soil. For best results we recommend use of a soluble fertilizer as a transplanting solution. About a pint of solution should be poured around each plant when it is put in the hole. A good planting distance is 2 ft. apart in the row witht 4 ft. between rows. Slightly narrow fruiting beds will usually have better yields and higher quality than beds that are unusually thick.

**Care of the plants:** A few weeks after strawberries are planted they will produce blossoms. For the regular matted-row system it is best to remove these blooms since the plants will make better growth. Hoeing and cultivation are necessary practices for weed control but much benefit can be obtained by use of a good weed-killer. We recommend Sesone (Crag 1 Herbicide). Other herbicides such as Chloro I.P.C. and Sinox are also used to control weeds in strawberries. Consult your state agricultural authorities for recommendations. We use geese in our fields for weed control: about two or three per acre will do a good job on young grass and weeds.

In northern states it is important to mulch strawberries for prevention of winter injury. Straw, hay or marsh grass are the best materials but wood shavings, pine needles, leaves, shredded corn stalks, etc. can be used. The important point to remember is that the material must not pack tightly since it could smother the plants. It should be applied in the fall when the temperature first reaches 20°F and used so as to cover the plants to a depth of three to four inches. About three to six tons of hay or straw per acre is needed. As soon as new strawberry leaves begin to grow in the spring the mulch should be removed so that only about an inch remains. The rest should be kept between the beds where it will help keep the berries clean and free of rot. Even in the south many berries are mulched to help keep them free of dirt and decay.

Frost damage to strawberries can be greatly reduced by spreading the mulch over the beds or by use of overhead irrigation. If one tenth inch of water is applied each hour the temperature is below 32°F the blossoms will not be damaged.

**Control of Diseases and Insects:** For prevention of damage from grubs, wireworms, root aphids and other soil insects we recommend 10 lbs. of actual chlordane per acre. We use it on all our fields and find that it does a wonderful job. Spittle-bugs may make a slimy froth on stems and leaves of strawberries; they can be controlled by Malathion and other insecticides. Sometimes berry rot can be quite a problem in strawberries. It can be controlled witht Captan fungicide and proper cultural practices that prevent excessive vine growth.

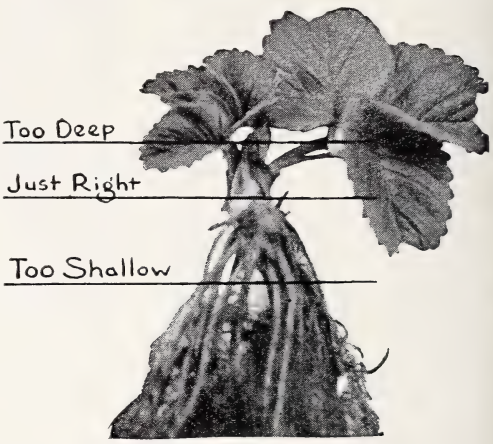
If the red stele root disease is a problem it can be controlled by using some of the resistant varieties we offer. Sometimes a root disease known as Verticillium wilt will attack strawberries that are grown in land previously planted to potatoes or tomatoes. Vermilion, Catskill, Surecrop and Premier are fairly resistant to this trouble.

For further information concerning strawberry production write to your state agricultural experiment station. Or for 15 cents you can obtain Farmers' Bulletin # 1208 entitled "Strawberry Culture-Eastern United States." Send to Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Govt. Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

## Plants Required Per Acre

Plants required per acre at various planting distances:

| Rows | Distance in Row | Plants per Acre |
|---|---|---|
| 3½ feet apart | 18 inches | 8,325 |
| 3½ feet apart | 24 inches | 6,225 |
| 3½ feet apart | 30 inches | 5,000 |
| 4 feet apart | 15 inches | 8,750 |
| 4 feet apart | 18 inches | 7,300 |
| 4 feet apart | 24 inches | 5,425 |
| 4 feet apart | 30 inches | 4,375 |



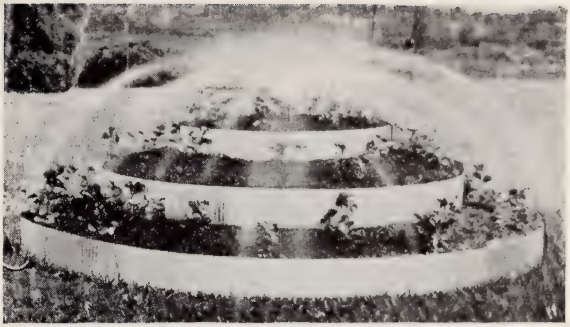
# BERRY TERRACE

***50 feet of Row in a 6 foot space***

**IDEAL FOR SMALL YARDS and TERRACES**

Not just a novelty but a practical method of producing loads of delicious berries. The Terrace is made of aluminum to hold its beauty for years. It will accommodate 50 Everbearing strawberry plants. The ease of watering and fertilizing enables much more production of fruit than would normally be realized. The beauty of foliage and blossoms and the harvest of berries from spring to frost will prove a constant delight.

You may prefer to grow one or two of the excellent June-bearing varieties in your pyramid. Do not remove the blossoms but cut off the runners and you will have excellent berries 60 days or less after planting. Pocahontas, Catskill, Redglow, or Fairfax should give excellent results in a terrace. The second season they would be at their best, producing almost 1 quart of fine berries per plant.



## NEW MODEL PYRAMID

Consists of 3 attractive corrugated aluminum bands with a base diameter of 6 feet. Complete with sprinkler system ready for attachment to your garden hose.

**BERRY TERRACE COMPLETE** **$9.95** **Shipping Weight, 7 lbs.**

### ACCESSORIES FOR PYRAMID

| | |
|---|---|
| **Cover (Plastic) makes small Green House** .... | **$6.95** |
| **Support Strips (for cover)** ..... | **$3.95** |
| **Net (for bird protection)** ..... | **$6.95** |

## *Comments From Some of Rayner's Satisfied Customers*

**July 30, 1959** **Gardiner, Maine**

In April 1958 I set 97 of Rayner's virus-free Sparkle, spacing them 24 inches apart in 7 ft. rows and by fall almost the entire space was filled with plants. I have just finished picking over 250 quarts of beautiful berries which is such a yield that many people won't believe it.

Dick Webster

**February 7, 1959** **Aliquippa Penna.**

In 1957 we purchased some of Rayner's plants; 25 each of Premier, Catskill, Robinson, and Tennessee Beauty. In 1958 we picked 235 quarts which is equivalent to 14,000 quarts per acre. Our Catskills were so large and beautiful that one neighbor thought they were artificial.

Mrs. Wm. L. Davie

**June 22, 1959** **Beverly, W. Va.**

Just finished reigning as West Virginia Strawberry King for 1958 on awards received on Rayner's Catskill variety. Also won commercial award this year with your Catskill.

D. G. Wood

**Feb. 12, 1959** **Prospect, Ky.**

The plants of Rayner's Pocahontas produced the most wonderful berries I ever picked. We sure had a bumper crop with 400 quarts from 100 plants. My neighbors couldn't believe I grew these large berries. They keep much better than other berries.

Mrs. John Steinmetz

**June 30, 1959** **Glen Cove, New York**

Nothing in all the 35 years I have been gardening has given me as much pleasure as this year's crop of Pocahontas strawberries. They were the largest, cleanest, most perfect formed, and in enormous quantities. It is an excellent freezer. Without Rayner's excellent, vigorous stock I could not have had this success.

Walter S. Nielsen

**July 28, 1958** **Findlay, Ohio**

From 125 plants of Surecrop set last spring we picked 131 quarts. The berries are delicious and keep so good! Surecrop plants are the most vigorous I ever had — they are my kind from now on.

Mrs. Laurence Pepple

**March 16, 1959** **Cross Lake, Minnesota**

Your "Better Berries" bulletins are the answer to a berry grower's dream. I have read a lot of literature on berry growing but none can compare with your writing.

Anton Marks

**June 22, 1959** **Batavia Ohio**

I want to tell you what a wonderful berry Surecrop is. Last year I put 1000 plants in land where the red stele disease is bad but it didn't bother Surecrop a bit. I never had such fine berries in all my years of raising them. I gained a lot of new customers by having Surecrop — the wonder berry.

Kathryn McKibber

# RED RASPBERRIES

## SEPTEMBER

### NEW RED EVERBEARING

The September raspberry variety was developed by the New York State Experiment Station and is an outstanding contribution to the berry industry. It is an everbearing type of red raspberry that **Produces A Large Crop In June And Yet Another Fine Crop In September.** This fall crop is considerably earlier than that of other everbearing raspberries so September is especially desirable. The berries are unusually large and have a delicious flavor. You will surely want some of this wonderful variety in your garden.

**6 for $2.15; 12 for $3.20; 25 for $4.95.**

**(See Page 17 For Postal Rates.)**

## DELICIOUS FLAVOR — LATHAM — MOST WIDELY GROWN RED

Latham is the standard red raspberry for most of the eastern United States. Its plants are strong and hardy and **Produce Bumper Crops Of Large, Firm, Delicious Fruit.** It grows well in many soil types and has high resistance to diseases. **Berries Are Of Very High Quality**—good for the fresh market, for freezing, or preserving. Latham is **An Excellent Commercial Variety** because it produces big crops of berries that can be carried long distances to market. If you want red Raspberries you want Latham. See next page for prices.

## TAYLOR

Taylor is an outstanding improved variety of red raspberry. **It Produces Large Crops Of Very Big, Firm, Delicious Berries.** Taylor is very hardy and vigorous and will grow well over a wide range of soil types and climates. This variety is ideal for either commercial plantings or home gardens. Prices on p. 21.

## INDIAN SUMMER

This outstanding red raspberry produces a large crop of fine fruit in June and then makes a bumper crop in the fall. **Both Picking Seasons Are Long**—with the fall berries continuing until after the first frosts. Plants are vigorous and produce **Good Quality, Large, Red Berries.** These fine features make Indian Summer a sure winner for both home gardens or commercial plantings. See page 21 for prices.

## GROWING RASPBERRIES

Raspberries give best results in areas where the summers are not unusually hot or dry. Therefore they are not generally grown south of Tennessee and Missouri. A good, fertile soil that retains moisture but is still not poorly drained gives best results. Raspberries may be set in the fall but early spring is the best planting time. If possible a high amount of well rotted manure should be mixed into the soil before planting. Also a regular spring application of about 450 pounds per acre of 10-10-10 fertilizer is important. This is equivalent to about 6 ounces per plant. In small plantings the rows are usually 6 feet apart with 4 feet between plants. Raspberries are generally planted in early spring and will produce a crop about 15 months after planting. The canes are tied to wires or to posts, depending upon the planting system. After the first fruiting season the fruiting canes of regular red and black raspberries are pruned out — leaving the new canes which will bear fruit the next season. In the case of everbearing raspberries the canes which produced the fall crop should not be pruned out but only slightly cut back in the spring. For best results with raspberries a recommended spray program for control of diseases and insects is necessary. It is very important to use good planting stock.

# BLACK RASPBERRIES

## CUMBERLAND

For dependable production of fine berries of excellent quality Cumberland has long been outstanding. This midseason variety is very vigorous and hardy.

## BRISTOL

An excellent early variety that has rapidly become the most important black raspberry in Ohio and other areas. Top yields of large, high quality berries.

## LOGAN

Another fine early variety that is rapidly gaining in popularity. Berries are large and of excellent quality. This is the improved new Logan strain.

## MORRISON

This late season variety keeps producing fine, large berries after other black raspberriees are gone. Plants are vigorous and hardy.

## Price List of Certified Raspberry Plants

| (See Page 17 For Parcel Post Rates) | 6 | 12 | 25 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500 | 1,000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bristol, 1 yr., No. 1 (Black) | $1.90 | $2.80 | $4.40 | $7.60 | $13.20 | $28.50 | $46.00 | $80.00 |
| Cumberland, 1 yr., No. 1 (Black) | 1.90 | 2.80 | 4.40 | 7.60 | 13.20 | 28.50 | 46.00 | 80.00 |
| Logan, 1 yr., No. 1 (Black) | 1.90 | 2.80 | 4.40 | 7.60 | 13.20 | 28.50 | 46.00 | 80.00 |
| Morrison, 1 yr., No. 1 (Black) | 1.90 | 2.80 | 4.40 | 7.60 | 13.20 | 28.50 | 46.00 | 80.00 |
| Latham, 1 yr., No. 1 (Red) | 2.15 | 3.20 | 4.95 | 8.55 | 14.85 | 32.05 | 51.75 | 90.00 |
| Taylor, 1 yr., No. 1 (Red) | 2.15 | 3.20 | 4.95 | 8.55 | 14.85 | 32.05 | 51.75 | 90.00 |
| Indian Summer, 1 yr., No. 1 (Red) | 2.15 | 3.20 | 4.95 | 8.55 | 14.85 | 32.05 | 51.75 | 90.00 |
| September, 1 yr., No. 1 (Red) | 2.15 | 3.20 | 4.95 | 8.55 | 14.85 | 32.05 | 51.75 | 90.00 |

# Blackberries

## EBONY KING

A hardy upright blackberry guaranteed to bear large, luscious fruit year after year. **Ebony King Will Stand Low Temperature Without Injury.** Rayner's plants are from selected full-bearing stock. Large, firm, jet-black berries have a sweet delicious flavor. Early.

## HEDRICK

This variety was introduced to give the home gardener and commercial grower **A Blackberry That Is Dependable.** The berries are large, firm, and have a wonderful flavor. Hedrick is definitely an outstanding blackberry for any type of planting. Late.

**BLACKBERRY PRICES (1 yr., No. 1 plants)**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 6 plants .. | $2.10 | 25 plants .. | $ 7.25 |
| 12 plants .. | 3.95 | 50 plants .. | 13.50 |

# New! Thornless Boysenberry

Boysenberries have been rapidly increasing in popularity during recent years. However, with the development of this **Wonderful Thornless Vine,** boysenberries are really going to town. This bramble fruit is related to blackberries and raspberries, combining the best qualities of both. The **Berries Are Very Large And Have A Sweet, Delicious Flavor.**

**1 yr., No. 1 Plants, 10 for $2.25; 25 for $4.95. See Page 17 for Parcel Post Rates.**

# Grapes

## THE OUTSTANDING EASTERN VARIETIES

### CONCORD — The Best Blue

This wonderful variety has what most people mean when they say **"That Real Grape Flavor."** It is **One Of The Most Delicious Of All Grapes For Fresh Eating.** Concord is also an old favorite for jams, jelly, and juice. Since about 1844 this variety has proven beyond any doubt that it is hardy in New England and westward into Missouri. Vines of Concord are very vigorous and productive. **Concord Is Tops Either As A Home Garden Or Commercial Variety.** It is still the leading grape variety in much of the Eastern United States.

Order Rayner's quality stock of this excellent variety and get the best.

### CACO — The Best Red

This is a late-midseason, light-red variety that is very vigorous and hardy under a wide range of climates and soil types. **Berries Of CACO Are Large And Of High Quality.** Its bright, juicy fruit make CACO excellent for the home garden as well as for commercial plantings. It is adapted to about the same area as Concord.

### NIAGARA — The Best White

**Niagara Is A Real Favorite With Those Who Know Grapes** because of its unusual vigor, high yields, and large, uniform clusters. The skin is tender and the flesh is sweet and juicy. Adapted to most of the Concord area.

### FREDONIA—Outstanding Flavor

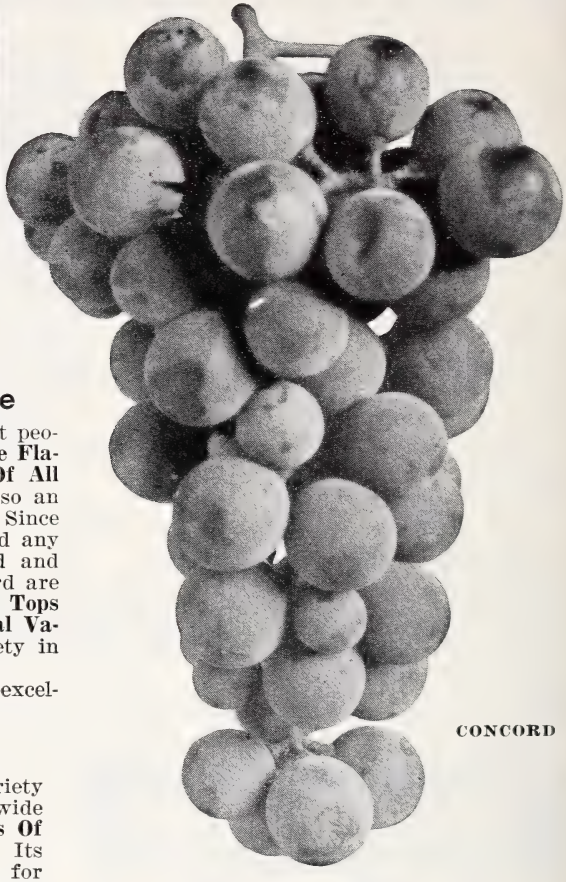
For several years we have watched the performance of Fredonia and believe it is one of the best of all eastern grapes. It has unusually fine flavor, a deep blue color, and high quality. Fredonia ripens early and is very productive and winter hardy.

### PRICE LIST CONCORD, NIAGARA, CACO, FREDONIA

2 Year Plants

| Each | 3 Vines | 10 Vines |
|---|---|---|
| 65c | $1.70 | $4.50 |
| 25 Vines | 50 Vines | 100 Vines |
| $9.40 | $15.70 | $25.00 |

(See page 17 for Postal Rates)



CONCORD

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## GRAPES ARE EASY TO GROW AND LAST FOR YEARS

Grape vines may be planted in early Spring or in the Fall in November and December. Grapes should be set in a well-drained soil that would produce garden crops.

Vines are usually planted 8 to 10 feet apart in the home garden and where a vineyard is planned the rows should be 10 feet apart. Grapes may be trained along a garden fence or a regular arbor may be constructed to suit the desired arrangement in the garden.

A simple method of support is followed by commercial growers. Wires are strung from posts with top wire 5 feet above the ground and the lower wire 2½ feet above the ground.

Pruning is one of the most important factors in obtaining marvelous grape harvests. Our Better Berries Bulletin No. 3 completely outlines most popular pruning methods; also illustrates simple support methods.

COMPLETE PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS will be sent with your order.

# Tender, Fresh

# ASPARAGUS

## From Your Own Plantings Year After Year

Asparagus is one of the first vegetables to make appearance in the Spring and its succulent, green stalks are a welcome change to the table. Because of its earliness, asparagus can be depended upon to realize a profit and there is an ever increasing demand for canning and freezing.

Any home gardener can enjoy delicious, healthful asparagus fresh from his garden six to ten weeks each spring. Cooked, frozen or canned immediately after it is cut is the way to really enjoy asparagus. You won't believe the difference until you try it from your own plantings.

### Plant This Great Strain of

## Mary Washington Roots

Favorite heavy yielder developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The best you can plant for high production and quality. Our MARY WASHINGTON is from the "Roberts" seed selections, very early, a strong grower, and produces shoots of finest quality, more uniform in size, shape and color than others. Healthy green color, rich flavor and juicy tenderness.

50 to 100 roots supply an average family. 200 roots will take care of canning, freezing needs, too.

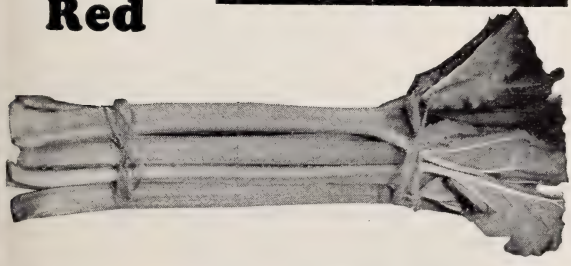
A planting of Rayner's asparagus will yield loads of fine food for many years. Plant early in the spring in fertile soil to which about 5 pounds of 10-6-4 fertilizer per 100 square feet has been added. Spread the roots in a trench about 6 inches deep and 8 inches wide. Place plants about 16 inches apart and cover crowns with about 2 inches of soil. As the plants begin to make new growth gradually fill the trench.

## ASPARAGUS PRICES — ORDER EARLY FOR SPRING PLANTING

**Big three year roots will produce stalks large enough for cutting the second year and a big crop each year thereafter. Produces 15 to 20 years. Complete planting instructions with order.**

| See Page 17 For Postal Rates. | 25 | 50 | 100 | 250 | 500 | 1000 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3 year Jumbo | $4.50 | $7.50 | $12.00 | $24.00 | $37.50 | $60.00 |
| 2 year No. 1 Roots | 2.60 | 4.35 | 7.00 | 14.00 | 21.85 | 35.00 |
| 1 year No. 1 Roots | 1.70 | 2.80 | 4.50 | 9.00 | 14.05 | 22.50 |

## MacDonald Red RHUBARB



RHUBARB is a very popular perennial where winters are sufficiently cold to freeze ground 3 to 4 inches. A few plants well tended make an excellent supply for sauce and pies.

We offer only the McDonald Red variety because of its marked superiority. Matures earlier, sweeter, and one planting lasts a lifetime. Plant in Spring, 3 to 4 feet apart.

**Prices For Large, Vigorous Divisions**

**$1.00 each; 3 for $2.70; 10 for $8.00**

# RAYNER'S QUALITY APPLE TREES

## WILLIAMS EARLY RED

A favorite very early apple proven outstanding by many years of successful production. Fruit are large with a bright red skin and a crisp, white flesh. The slightly tart flavor is very good. Trees are vigorous, self-fertile, and very productive. Excellent for home plantings and a real profit maker as far north as parts of Canada.

## GRIMES GOLDEN

A deliciously different apple that has long been a favorite for fresh use and cooking. Grimes is a fine greenish-yellow apple with firm juicy flesh and when fully ripe is tops for flavor. It is an excellent midseason variety for home or commercial plantings. Very hardy and vigorous over a wide range of soil types.

## JONATHAN

A favorite midseason apple with excellent red color and crisp, juicy flesh. This is a favorite in northern states since it is one of the hardiest of all apples. Excellent for cooking and fine for fresh use. Fine for home plantings.

## McINTOSH

Another old favorite in northern states with sufficient hardiness to stand very cold climates. A midseason producer of big crops of large apples with a fine white flesh. Trees are vigorous, bear young, and steadily. A very dependable apple for home or commercial use.

## RED DELICIOUS

The glamour apple that has become a famous profit maker from coast to coast. Fruit are extra large with a characteristic shape. The skin is a beautiful red and the flesh is firm. A fully ripened fruit is just wonderful for flavor. One of the very best apples.

## YELLOW DELICIOUS

A big beautiful, golden apple that ripens late. One of the finest for home use and fresh market sales. A tree-ripened Yellow Delicious is one of the best for quality. Trees are very vigorous and crop while still quite young. A good pollenizer.

## GALLIA BEAUTY (Red Rome)

This excellent late apple is a favorite commercial variety in many states. The fruit develop a bright glossy red color and are of large size. The flesh is crisp and white with good quality. A fine variety for home or commercial planting.

## WINESAP

For good juicy flavor it is hard to beat a tree-ripened Winesap. Fruit are dark red, firm, and of medium size. The flesh is yellowish and crisp. This is one of the best for both fresh use and cooking. Very productive and vigorous over a wide range. An excellent storage apple.

| PARCEL POST SIZES | | EXPRESS SHIPMENT SIZES | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | $1.75 each | | $2.50 each |
| 3 to 4 ft. 2 yr. | 10 to 49 trees $1.50 ea.<br>50 trees or more $1.00 ea. | 5 to 6 ft. 2 yr. | 10 to 49 trees $1.95 ea.<br>50 trees or more $1.45 ea. |

**You may combine all apple varieties for quantity rate. Plant two or more apple varieties for best results. See Page 17 for Postal Rates. 5-6 ft. trees sent by Express only. Complete planting instructions are sent with each order.**

**Obtain Information Concerning Spraying Of Fruit Trees From Your State Agricultutral Extension Service Or County Agent.**

# RAYNER'S QUALITY PEACH TREES

## ERLY-RED-FRE

During recent years Erly-Red-Fre has created a fine reputation as a leading early commercial peach. Fruit are large, beautifully colored, and firm. The flesh is white, freestone, and of fine quality. Trees are vigorous and hardy under a wide range of growing conditions. This variety is so outstanding that it has been granted a plant patent.

## REDHAVEN

For an early freestone, yellow flesh peach Redhaven is outstanding. The color is excellent and the size is good. Flesh is very firm and of fine quality. Trees are vigorous and begin to bear nice crops while still quite young. Redhaven was developed in Michigan and thus is very hardy.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE

A very popular early yellow flesh peach that is excellent for home garden plantings and local sales. The fruit are of good size and fine quality. A very important feature is its excellent winter hardiness which insures a fine crop each year.

## COLORA

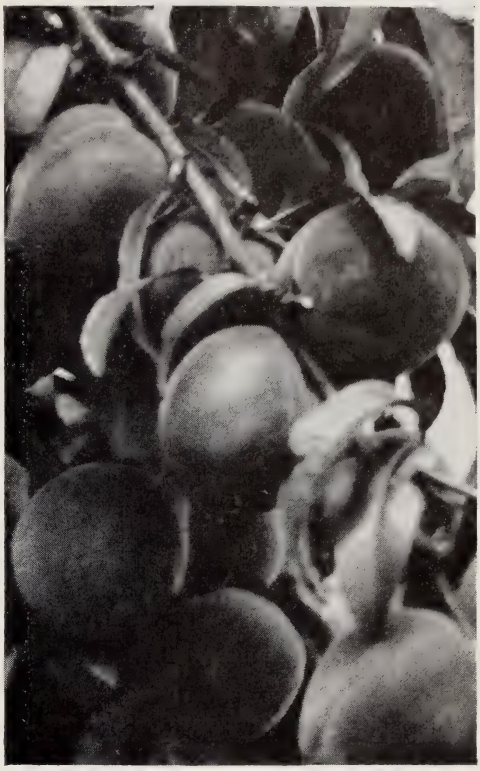
An exceptional hardy variety that has given good results in areas where other varieties of peach were killed by low temperature. Fruit are of good size, fine appearance, and excellent quality. The flesh is yellow and freestone. Colora ripens just after Golden Jubilee.

## HALEHAVEN

This excellent midseason variety ripens about 2 weeks before Elberta. The fruit are large and firm and have a very nice color a few days before ripening. The flesh is yellow, freestone, and when fully ripe is of outstanding flavor. Trees are hardy, vigorous, and very productive.

## BELLE OF GEORGIA

When peach flavor is compared we believe that Belle of Georgia is our choice for the champion. This favorite white-fleshed peach is large and unusually attractive and when allowed to ripen on the tree has a flavor that is truly delicious. For all home gardens and plantings for fresh sales this is one of the very best.



## ELBERTA

When most people think of peaches they think of Elberta. This fine late variety is productive nearly any place peaches can be grown. The fruit are large, firm, yellow-fleshed, and of good quality. It is the most widely planted peach in the U. S. so it must be good.

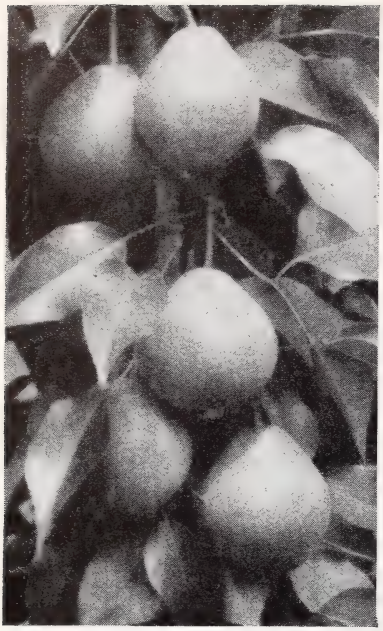
## AUTUMN

To extend the peach season this is an excellent variety. It ripens 2 weeks later than Elberta and has fine size and color. The flesh is yellow, freestone, and of good quality. Trees are hardy and productive. Especially good for home plantings and local sales.

| PARCEL POST SIZES | $1.75 each | EXPRESS SHIPMENT SIZES | $2.50 each |
|---|---|---|---|
| 3 to 4 ft. 2 yr. | 10 to 49 trees $1.50 ea.<br>50 trees or more $1.00 ea. | 5 to 6 ft. 2 yr. | 10 to 49 trees $1.95 ea.<br>50 trees or more $1.45 ea. |

**You may combine all peach varieties for quantity rate. PLEASE NOTE — Trees listed as EXPRESS SHIPMENT SIZES are too large to be shipped by Parcel Post. Trees listed as PARCEL POST SIZES may be shipped either way.** **See Page 17.**

**Complete Planting Information Sent With Each Order**



# PEARS

## BARTLETT

The best known of all pears is the delicious Bartlett. Fruits are of large size and have a fine yellow color and distinctive shape. Ripens early and under good conditions will produce excellent yields. Trees very vigorous.

## CLAPPS FAVORITE

This fine variety produces large pears of a pale-yellow color flecked with brown dots. The flesh is of fine texture and has a wonderful different flavor. Clapps Favorite is an early-bearing pear of good vigor and high yields. It has long been a favorite pear in the eastern states.

## SECKEL

This wonderful pear has passed the test of time because of its deliciously different flavor. A tree ripened Seckel pear is truly delicious. This variety is highly resistant to the blight disease and very easy to grow.

## ANJOU

This large, fine-flavored pear is an excellent late variety. The trees are very vigorous and have a fine shape. They are highly blight resistant and winter-hardy. An excellent varietey for home plantings or commercial use. Fruit have an attractive yellow color and a firm juicy flesh.

You may combine above varieties for quantity rate.

| PARCEL POST SIZES | | EXPRESS SHIPMENT SIZES | |
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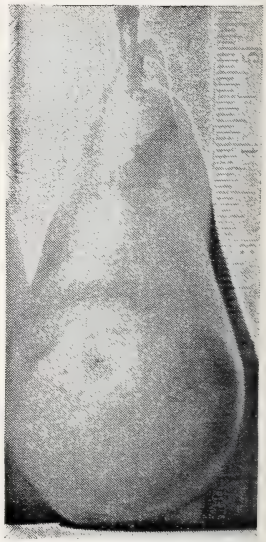
| | $2.10 each | | $2.40 each |
| 2 yr. 3-4 ft. | 10 to 49 trees $1.50 each<br>50 trees or more $1.20 ea. | 2 yr. 4-5 ft. | 10 to 49 trees $2.10 each<br>50 trees or more $1.40 ea. |

# *New* DEVOE PEAR



During the recent years this new pear has rapidly gained in popularity for both home use and commercial plantings. Trees of Devoe grow rapidly and have a nice upright shape; branches are strong and bear a heavy load of fruit without breakage. Of extreme importance is its high resistance to the fire blight disease. Devoe is self-fertile and ripens in September (about Bartlett season) producing very heavy crops. The pears are elongate and when mature have a light yellow skin tinged with red. Quality is excellent and the flesh is white, firm and of uniform, tender texture. If picked green it can be kept in cold storage for four or five months and still retains its juicy, sweet quality.

Throughout the pear growing area and especially in the east, where blight causes so much pear failure, we recommend Devoe.

**Sturdy, well-rooted trees 3-4 ft. tall $2.45 each or 3 for $6.95.**

# NECTARINES

## GARDEN STATE

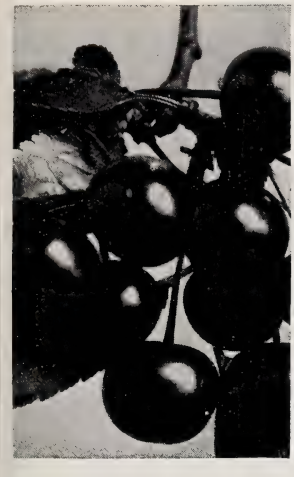
A very beautiful variety having large fruit with a bright yellow-orange color tinted with some red. The flesh is firm and bright yellow and the stone is free. Garden State is hardy in New Jersey and other areas where winters are not extremely cold. The tree is vigorous and quite productive.

## REDCHIEF

In areas where winter temperatures do not usually fall much below zero nectarines can be successfully grown. Redchief is a recent introduction having nice size, good color, and white flesh of very good flavor. This is a freestone type that is very productive and vigorous. Of much importance is the resistance of fruit to brown rot.

**Price of Nectarines is $1.95 each for sturdy, well-rooted Trees 3-4 ft. tall.**

# Montmorency SOUR CHERRY



MONTMORENCY

For commercial plantings as well as home use Montmorency is by far the leading variety of sour cherry. The fruit are large, firm, and have a beautiful bright red color. If allowed to ripen thoroughly on the tree so that a darker red color is developed, the quality will be greatly increased. This will result in much better preserves, pies, and other products. Fruit first ripens in early July and can be kept on the tree about a month.

Trees of this variety are very hardy and consistently produce big crops because they are self-fertile.

Rayner's stock of Montmorency is of the excellent Dayton strain which has been found to be outstanding for vigor, production, fruit size, and quality.

**Well rooted 2 yr. trees, 3-4 ft. tall are $1.95 each; five or more $1.65 each.** **See Page 17 for Postal Rates.**

# BUSH CHERRY

For locations where space is at a premium the Hansen Bush Cherry is very desirable. It has a bush-like type of growth and produces lots of sour cherries that are very good for cooking purposes. The cherries are similar to Montmorency but not as large. The early spring bloom makes Hansen's Bush Cherry an attractive flowering shrub as well as a producer of nice cherries. **Field-grown transplants 18-24 inches tall $1.10 each; 3 for $2.75.**

# PLUMS, PRUNES, AND DAMSONS

## STANLEY PRUNE

It is our opinion that a ripe Stanley prune is one of the finest of all fruit. These prune-plums are large and have a fine blue color and a golden-yellow flesh when full ripe. The trees are hardy and very vigorous. A fine tree for any home garden.

**Well-rooted 2 year trees 3-4 ft. $2.15 each.**

## ITALIAN PRUNE

Another excellent prune-plum is the Italian or Fellemburg variety. Its fruit is dark purple and of large size. The flesh is yellowish and juicy, with a fine flavor when ripe. This variety is very vigorous and will give good results in a wide range of soils.

**Two year trees, nicely rooted, 3-4 ft. $2.15 ea.**

## SHROPSHIRE DAMSON

If you want those famous old-fashioned damsom preserves the Shropshire variety is best. The deep-blue fruit are produced in great abundance and when fully ripe are also nice for fresh eating. But in preserves they are outstanding. This variety is very vigorous and hardy.

**Two year trees, 3-4 ft. $2.15 each.**

## METHLEY PLUM

This fine reddish-purple plum is of large size and has bright red flesh. It is excellent when fully ripe having a very distinctive, sweet flavor. The trees are vigorous and give good crops each year. Methley is an excellent Oriental plum for home gardens and commercial plantings.

**Two year trees, 3-4 ft. tall $2.15 each.**

## ABUNDANCE PLUM

This excellent Oriental plum produces fine red fruit with yellow flesh. They are juicy and have fine flavor when ripe. Trees are vigorous and hardy and begin to produce large crops while still quite young. Abundance is a fine variety that has been proven good by years of dependable production.

**2 yr. trees 3-4 ft. tall $2.15 each.**

## YELLOW EGG PLUM

For high quality fruit it is practically impossible to surpass the Yellow-Egg plum. Its fruit are large, golden in color, and have a beautiful golden flesh. This is a late season variety and produces very good yields. The trees are vigorous and have a rounded shape.

**2 yr. well rooted trees, 2-3 ft. $2.15 each.**

## How to Plant and Grow Rayner's Hardy Fruit Trees

A hole should be dug that is slightly deeper and wider than the root system. Place rich top soil in the bottom of the hole so that the upper roots will be no more than an inch or two below the surface. Next add more fertile soil to fill the hole packing it firmly around the roots and adding some water. Soon after the tree is planted it should be pruned so as to leave 3 or 4 well-arranged branches. ¼ lb. of sodium nitrate or 1/8 lb. of ammonium sulfate should be used for each year of tree age. Thus, a 5 year old tree should receive 1¼ lbs. of sodium nitrate or ⅝ lbs. of ammonium sulfate. It should be placed on the ground under the spread of the branches early in the spring.

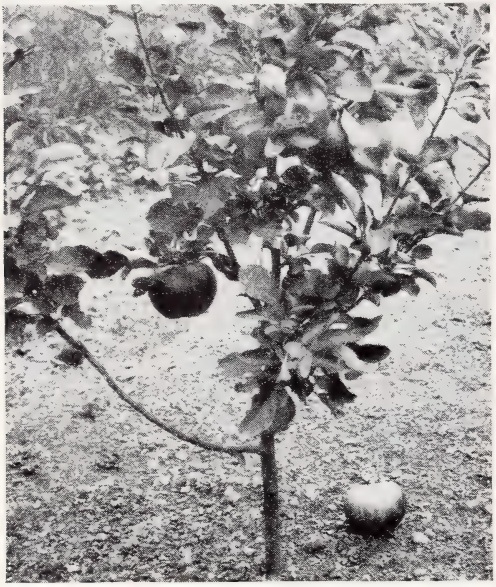
Write for our free # 16 Better Berries Bulletin describing fruit tree culture.

# DWARF FRUIT TREES

## ORNAMENTAL - PRODUCTIVE. SAVE VALUABLE GARDEN SPACE

### Trees Are Small Yet Fruit Is Of Regular Size And Quality

No longer just a special feature of exclusive gardens, dwarf fruit trees are now available to all, and at reasonable prices. These wonderful space saving trees are produced by budding or grafting regular varieties on special dwarfing rootstocks. Apples are usually dwarfed by use of the Malling IX root system and Quince rootstocks produce dwarf pears. Peaches are budded to special dwarfing root systems. Even though the trees remain much smaller the fruit is of full size and quality. One outstanding feature of dwarf trees is that they begin to bear fruit when only 3 or 4 years old. Just the thing for home gardens where space is so valuable. Dwarf trees are much easier to spray and to harvest.



## Dwarf Apple Trees

Rayner's high quality dwarf apples are available in the following varieties.

**McINTOSH** **RED DELICIOUS**
**WINESAP** **YELLOW DELICIOUS**

Same fruit as large apple trees. See variety description on page 24.

**3 feet up, $2.95 each**
**3 trees for $7.50** **10 trees for $23.50**
**plus postage**

## Dwarf Pear Trees

We have three famous varieties of Pears on dependable dwarf stock.

**BARTLETT** **CLAPP'S FAVORITE**
**DUCHESS**

Same fruit as large pear trees. See variety description on page 24.

**3 feet up, $2.95 each**
**3 trees for $7.50** **10 trees for $23.50**
**plus postage**

## Dwarf Peach Trees

One of the most attractive ornamental trees in the spring when it is loaded with beautiful pink blossoms. Then in the summer you will harvest an abundance of delicious, full-size fruit. These trees usually reach 8 to 10 ft. at maturity and begin to bear in 2-3 years.

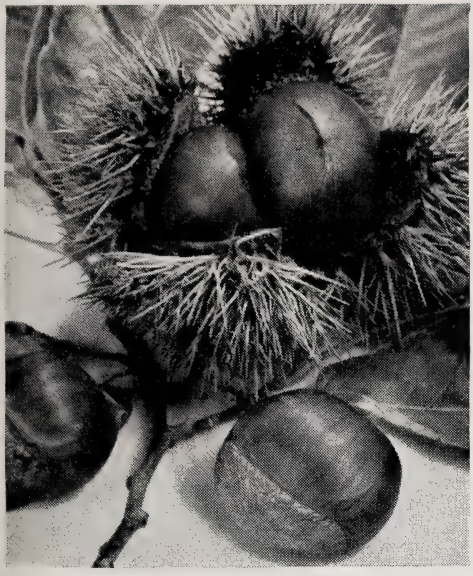
**3-4 ft. branched trees, $3.15 each; 3 for $8.85 plus postage.**

**RED HAVEN** (Early)
**HALE HAVEN** (Early)
**GOLDEN JUBILEE** (Mid-Season)
**ELBERTA** (Late)

ORNAMENTAL AND SHADE

# NUT TREES

BOUNTIFUL HARVESTS



Blight Resistant Chinese Chestnut

FAST GROWING; EARLY-PRODUCING

## Chinese Chestnut

**HARDY BLIGHT RESISTANT**

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Chestnuts fully as good as native American and larger in size. Production begins in two or three years after planting these new blight resistant trees. Vigorous, fast-growing in a wide range of soils. Train easily to single trunk type. See page 17 for Postal Rates.

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|---|---|
| 2 to 3 ft. $1.60 each | 4 to 5 ft. $2.95 each |
| 10 to 49 trees; $1.40 each | 10 to 49 trees: $2.75 each |
| 50 or more: $1.25 each | 50 or more: $2.60 each |

**Complete planting instructions sent with each order.**

## ENGLISH WALNUT

The Walnut is a practical, desirable tree. Valuable for shade and production of thin-shelled, delicious nuts. Hardy trees come into production early. Pollinate with JAPAN WALNUT. **2 to 3 ft. trees $3.25 each; 3 for $8.50.**

## THOMAS BLACK WALNUT (Grafted)

The finest of all black walnuts. Extra-large meaty nuts that crack readily. These grafted trees are the best obtainable.

**2-3 ft. trees, $2.95 each**

## JAPANESE WALNUT

A valuable shade tree used largely as a pollenizer of English Walnuts. Good producer of nuts of distinctive walnut flavor. **2 to 3 ft. trees $1.65 each.**

## FILBERTS

### American Filbert

**(Hazel Nut)**

An attractive small tree yielding an abundance of nuts. Use DuChilly or Barcelona as pollenizer. **2-3 ft. trees $1.35 each; 3 for $3.50.**

### Barcelona Filbert

Most widely planted commercial type in many sections. Large nuts and a consistent heavy bearer. **2-3 ft. trees $2.25 each; 3 for $6.00.**

### Du Chilly Filbert

A very popular tree. Large, attractive nuts. Widely used as a pollinator. **2-3 ft. trees $2.25 each; 3 for $6.00.**

STUART **PECANS** HARDY

**Grafted Stuart Pecans for Northern Areas**

It has long been thought that pecans could only be grown in the South. However, the Stuart variety makes possible good crops of this delicious nut in much of Pennsylvania and parts of New England. A pecan is not only fine for its nuts but it makes a beautiful shade tree. **These grafted trees are extra vigorous. 2-3 ft. size, $3.95 each; 3 for $10.00.**

ENGLISH WALNUT

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## JAPANESE YEWS (Taxus)

The Yews are in greatest demand because they do equally well in shade or sun. Leaves are broader than other evergreens, are not prickly, and have a flat, glossy deep-green hue that remains all year around. Yews stand hard clipping and are of dense habit. Do well in ordinary soil and prefer plenty of humus. 8-10" size. **See page 17 for Postal Rates.**

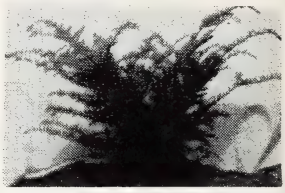
**$1.00 each; 3 for $2.75**

Upright Yew — Use at entrances, corners and for drive entrances.

Spreader Yew — Use under windows, around low porches or low foundations.

Be sure to specify Upright or Spreading.

**All evergreens shipped in Spring to May 1, and in Fall beginning November 1st.**



Spreader Yew

Pieris Japonica

## PIERIS JAPONICA

Pieris Japonica is an aristocratic shrub that is beautiful the entire year. It has a fine evergreen foliage that is hardy in all but the coldest climates. In the spring it produces long clusters of white, waxy, bell-shaped blooms that are long lasting. New foliage has a fine bronze color that adds to the rich appearance of this very popular evergreen. This is an acid-loving plant and should give best results if given soil conditions as described for blueberries in this catalog. It grows well in shade or full sun.

**Sturdy transplants 12-15 inches tall $1.95; 3 for $5.25.**

GLOBE ARBORVITAE

## PFITZER JUNIPER

Has delicate light-green foliage that blends in beautifully with other ornamentals. It is widely used for background planting and does well under most growing conditions. Rayner's stock is of sturdy well-rooted plants, 8-10 inches tall.

**$1.00 each; 3 for $2.75**

## GLOBE ARBORVITAE

Is one of the most popular foundation plants for landscape work. It is easy to prune and retains a beautiful green color all year. It is very hardy and will grow easily in nearly any soil type. These are sturdy plants, 8-10 inches tall.

**$1.00 each; 3 for $2.75**

PFITZER JUNIPER

# EVERGREEN SEEDLINGS

Rayner's Evergreen Seedlings are the finest you can buy. They are extra sturdy with excellent roots. These plants will develop into fine trees suitable for any purpose. Most are about 8-12" tall.

**These prices are f.o.b. Salisbury, Md.** Shipping season begins, Spring, March 15 to June 1st; Fall, November 1st.

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| Norway Spruce .... | 3 yr. S. | 3.25 | 6.00 | 10.00 | 45.00 |
| Douglas Fir ..... | 3 yr. S. | 3.25 | 6.00 | 10.00 | 45.00 |
| Canadian Hemlock . | 3 yr. S. | 5.00 | 9.00 | 17.00 | 80.00 |

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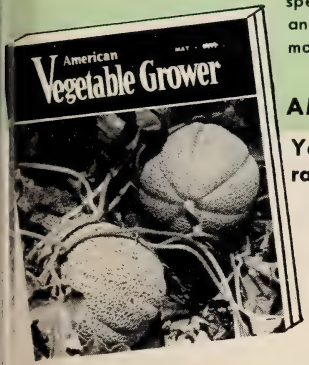


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# TREES AND SHRUBS

**WE SPECIALIZE IN YOUNG TREES OF VARIETIES THAT WILL GIVE EXTRA FAST GROWTH. YOU CAN REALLY SAVE WITH YOUNG TREES AND BE SURE OF GOOD RESULTS. THESE TREES WILL SOON DEVELOP INTO BEAUTIFUL SPECIMENS.**

## Weeping Willow

For graceful beauty the weeping willow is outstanding. Its long, slender branches hang down to the ground and provide a type of growth entirely different from any other tree. Willows are one of the first trees to show signs of spring for the branches turn an attractive light yellow color before leaves appear.

We have an extra fine stock of weeping willow that develops into a beautiful tree in just a few years. One of the fastest growing of all trees it gives good results in nearly any soil types but prefers considerable moisture. Weeping willows grow well in most of the New England states and westward to the Mississippi as well as in the southern states.

**3-4 ft. trees $1.25** — **3 for $3.00**
**5-6 ft. trees $2.25** — **3 for $5.50**

PLUS POSTAGE

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WEEPING WILLOW

### GOLDEN RAINTREE

This exotic tree produces long golden clusters of beautiful blooms. A truly unusual plant of outstanding beauty. Under favorable conditions it may reach a height of 25 to 30 ft. but usually is somewhat smaller. Our well-rooted, field-grown, plants are very hardy since they were subject to 10 below last winter without injury. **Fine, straight seedlings 18-24 inches tall $2.95 each; 3 for $7.95.**

### FLOWERING ALMOND

Flowering Almond is an old favorite that has been neglected because of the glamour of newer shrubs. However, it is still one of the most beautiful of the spring flowering shrubs — producing masses of button-shaped, pinkish-white blooms from the top of the stem to the ground. Hardy to about zero. Sturdy field grown plants 18-24 inches. **$1.35 each; 3 for $3.50.**

### CRIMSON PYGMY BARBERRY

The beautiful crimson foliage and dwarf growth habit make Crimson Pygmy Barberry an excellent plant for many landscape uses. At maturity it does not grow much more than a foot tall and 2 feet wide. Makes a fine display when planted alternately in a row with an evergreen of contrasting shape. Hardy in the north and also good in warm areas. Grows best in full sunlight. Field grown plants about 6 inches tall and well branched. **$1.95 each; 3 for $5.25.**

### KOREAN DOGWOOD

Those who are interested in the beautiful dogwoods will surely want at least one of these fine Korean dogwoods. Similar to the American species but more bush-like and with a different flower shape. Also the blooms appear a bit later than those of American dogwood and last longer. Korean dogwood is a beautiful sight in full bloom and has fine fall leaf color. Hardy to upper New York State. **12-15 inch well rooted plants $2.25; 3 for $6.00.**

### FRAGRANT VIBURNUM

This beautiful spring shrub, (Viburnum Carlesii) is often called pink snowball. It produces a profusion of delicate pink clusters of sweet-scented blooms that are of unusual beauty. The leaves are deep-green and become bronze-red in the fall. A mature plant will reach 5 to 6 ft. but can be kept trimmed to almost any shape. Very hardy. **Well rooted, field-grown plants $1.95; 3 for $5.25.**

### FLOWERING PEACH

Flowering peach is another old favorite. The plants reach a height of 10-15 ft. and are covered in the spring with beautiful, double blooms. The colors usually are whitish-pink but some may show more red. These are seedling trees and thus we cannot guarantee color. Hardy to about zero. **Fine 2 yr. field grown plants 18-24 inches tall, $1.50 each; 3 for $4.00. Postal rates on page 17.**

### ROCK COTONEASTER

This unusual semi-evergreen shrub is ideal for rock gardens and other locations where a plant of strikingly different appearance is desired. Cotoneaster horizontalis is low growing with flat-spreading stems. The leaves are small and occur in clusters to give a very dense type of growth. Pink flowers and scarlet berries add to the beauty of this very desirable shrub. Hardy to 10 degrees below zero or colder. **Excellent 2 year field-grown plants 6-10 inches tall $1.75 each; 3 for $4.95.**

### SMOKE BUSH

One of the most unusual flowering shrubs is European Smoke Bush. Its foliage consists of simple green leaves that have a good fall color. However the blossoms form delicate purplish, masses that seem to hang on the plant like smoke. A mature bush may grow to 12 ft. or more and when in its summer bloom is truly a remarkable sight. Hardy to about 5 below zero. **Sturdy field-grown plants 12-18 inches tall $1.95 each; 3 for $5.25. See page 17 for postal rates.**

SAUCER MAGNOLIA — Soulangeana

# SAUCER MAGNOLIA

## SUCH BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS THAT IT IS ALSO KNOWN AS TULIP TREE

One of the most beautiful spring-flowering trees is the saucer magnolia. Before the leaves are produced it becomes covered with large gorgeous blossoms that are at first tulip-shaped but later open to give a cup and saucer effect. The petals are a beautiful rose-purple color with white margins making this tree a major attraction in any planting. The trees are of a rounded, bushy shape and grow to about 20 ft. tall. The saucer magnolia is hardy in most of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. They grow best in moist, fertile soil and prefer light shade to full sunlight. Rayner's stock of saucer magnolia has strong root systems that will rapidly become established and develop into fine specimen plants.

**12-18 inch size $1.95 each.**

# Magnolia Grandiflora

This is one of the most beautiful of all trees. It has long been a favorite in the south because of its large, glossy evergreen leaves and its enormous, fragrant white blooms. This magnolia is not just a shrub—it grows into a large tree up to 50 feet tall. It can usually be grown successfully as far north as southern New York. Therefore many people who have long admired this wonderful tree can now have it for their own. It is truly called the most beautiful of all evergreens. You will be pleasantly surprised at its rapid growth. **See page 17 for Postal Rates.**

**12-18" size $1.95 each; 3 for $5.00**

April 24, 1959 — Alcove, N. Y.

Received my plants in very good condition. It has been a pleasure doing business with you; I appreciate the way you handled my small order.

David Stott

# Hardy Hybrid RHODODENDRONS

If you have a shady spot that has not been too kind to many types of shrubs then you can be sure that rhododendrons will promptly call this spot "home" and show their appreciation with their magnificent foliage and gorgeous flowers. These hardy hybrids are unusually vigorous.

Rhododendrons prefer acid soil and a good moisture supply. Soil is prepared in same manner as for blueberries.

(see Blueberry Culture on page 41)

**10-12" plants $1.65 each — 3 for $4.25**

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Cherokee Chief Dogwood

# Cherokee Chief

## RED DOGWOOD

At last there is a truly red Dogwood —not a pink but a fine, deep red that is amazingly different. The wonderful new Cherokee Chief originated from a bud sport and is propagated by grafting on to a sturdy rootstock. Even the new foliage is a red color and in the fall the leaves are scarlet. In late summer there is an abundance of fine red berries that add to the beauty of this excellent ornamental tree. Cherokee Chief is very vigorous and makes a fine tree with uniform branching. **Sturdy, well rooted trees, 24-30 inches tall, $3.95 plus postage.**

## ALMEY FLOWERING CRAB

The Almey variety of flowering crab apple is well known for its amazing production of beautiful deep pink blooms. It begins to bloom early and has very attractive fruit in the fall. The Almey variety is very hardy and grows well under most soil conditions. It does well in full sunlight or partial shade. The trees usually do not grow over 12 ft. tall and have a fine rounded shape that makes them especially suitable for all types of gardens and other ornamental plantings. Rayner's plants are sturdy and well rooted and will rapidly grow to make beautiful trees that are something to be proud of. **3-ft. trees, $2.95 each; 3 for $8.25.** **See page 17 for postal rates.**

Almey Flowering Crab

## ←BRISTOL RUBY WEIGELA

Of all the varieties of Weigela the Bristol Ruby is one of the very best. It is very hardy with vigorous, green foliage and develops into a fine shrub of 5-6 feet or taller. The outstanding feature of Bristol Ruby is its beautiful, deep red, trumpet-shaped blossoms. They appear in profusion in early summer and new blooms continue to develop through most of the season. This long-blooming feature gives color to your garden during the months when the spring shrubs have long finished blooming. Bristol Ruby will give good results in nearly any soil type. Last winter these plants withstood 10 below zero in our fields without any sign of injury. **Beautiful strong plants, 2-3 ft. tall, $1.65 each; 3 for $4.50.**

*BUY RAYNER'S PLANTS AND YOU BUY THE BEST*

# Blue Bird ALTHEA

In our opinion the new Blue Bird Althea is one of the most beautiful flowering shrubs. It produces an abundance of bright blue flowers that open to almost 5 inches wide. These gorgeous flowers are formed early and more continue to open for the entire summer. The plants make nice vigorous, upright growth and can readily be kept pruned to any desired shape. Blue Bird Althea is so outstandingly different that it has been granted a plant patent (No. 1739). We believe this variety will be hardy in all areas where winter temperatures do not exceed 5 to 10 degrees below zero. The supply of this wonderful new shrub is limited so order early. **1-year grafted, well rooted plants (12-15 inches high) $2.95 each plus postage.**

# CHINESE REDBUD

This species is similar to the native American redbud but is more shrub-like in habit and the blossoms are larger and have a deeper color. It produces brilliant, reddish-purple flowers that cover nearly the entire plant before any leaves are produced. This beautiful shrub is a real treasure for any garden where its spring beauty gives a color that is distinctly different from other plants. Young plants are hardy to zero or a bit below but established plants should be satisfactory in considerably colder areas. Redbud grows well in partial shade or full sun and prefers a good fertile soil that is not too acid. **2-year, field transplants, 12-15 inches tall, $1.95 each.**

# FORSYTHIA

## LYNWOOD GOLD

A wonderful new variety with unusually large blossoms of a deep yellow color. Lynwood Gold is one of the best Forsythias for reliable production of a profusion of bloom. Each spring the graceful stems are covered with a wonderful display of golden blossoms that make an outstanding addition to any planting. Forsythias are very easy to grow. **Well rooted, field-grown plants, 2-3 ft. tall, $2.35 each; 3 for $6.50.**

## SPRING GLORY

This is another excellent variety of Forsythia that is a favorite garden shrub. It is a very dependable bloomer, producing beautiful flowers that are a clear yellow color. Spring Glory is truly a fitting name for this excellent variety. Both of these varieties were exposed to 10 degrees below zero in our fields last winter without injury. **Sturdy plants, 2-3 ft. tall, $1.95 each; 3 for $5.25. See page 17 for postal rates.**

# *Rayner's* True American HOLLY

Now you can have Holly as inexpensively as many shrubs by buying in the transplant size just as many nurserymen do. In this size it transplants readily and successfully. Thrives from Georgia to Massachusetts.

## VIGOROUS HOLLY SEEDLINGS

Holly trees are somewhat unusual as far as ornamental plants are concerned because the male and female flowers are on separate trees. Thus, only the female trees produce the well-known bright red holly berries. The male trees are needed for pollination and their leaves have the same beauty as female trees.

These seedlings are about 12 to 16 inches tall and have a sturdy root system. There are about half male and half female trees in each shipment. Under proper conditions these plants will rapidly develop into fine trees that are a valuable addition to any planting. Hollies prefer a moist, acid soil.

**6 for $2.95; 12 for $5.25; 25 for $10.00**

## POTTED HOLLY PLANTS

**Grown in 3" pots and shipped to you with the earth ball it grew in. 2 female plants and 1 male plant for pollination. Sold in this combination only. 3 HOLLY PLANTS from pots $3.95.**

**See page 17 for Postal Rates.**

HOLLY PLANT

Closeup of Holly Berries below.

## AMERICAN HOLLY - VARIETY CROONENBURG

During recent years the popularity of American holly has so greatly increased that there has been a wide search for new varieties and types. One of the very best to be found is Croonenburg. This is a superb American holly with very large, deep-green leaves. Its outstanding feature is the production of fine, large berries that are of a brilliant red color. This combination of extra good foliage and berries makes Croonenburg a most desirable holly. It is quite hardy since mature plants will withstand a temperature as low as 20 degrees below zero. Rayner's supply of Croonenburg consists of cuttings from selected female trees.

**2 yr. well-rooted, plants $2.50 each; 3 for $7.00.**

### SMALL LEAF JAPANESE HOLLY

An unusual shrub that is excellent for areas where a low evergreen is desired. This variety (Ilex Crenata Microphylla) produces small leaves about an inch long and ¼ inch wide of a deep-green color. The branching pattern is low and dense and can readily be pruned. Hardy in all but the northern-most states. **Sturdy field-grown 2 yr. transplants, well branched and 6-8 inches tall $1.95 each; 3 for $5.25.**

### BURFORDI HOLLY

This variety of Chinese Holly (Ilex Cornuta Burfordi) is one of the most beautiful of all hollies. It has bright glossy leaves with few spines. Mature plants may reach a height of 15 feet. An outstanding feature is the very large red berries that make this an outstanding plant. Hardy to about zero. **Sturdy well rooted transplants 10-12 inches tall $1.55 each; 3 for $4.25.**

### ROUND LEAF JAPANESE HOLLY

This fine evergreen is especially popular for landscape use since it grows rapidly and can easily be pruned to almost any shape. The leaves are slightly longer than broad and have a fine deep-green, glossy color. Small white blossoms and round black berries are produced. Ilex Crenata Rotundifolia is hardy in all but the coldest states and prefers a moist, slightly acid soil, containing an abundance of organic matter. Gives good results in sun or shade. **Well rooted 2 yr. plants 8-10 inches tall $1.25 each; 3 for $3.25.**

### BOX LEAF JAPANESE HOLLY

This popular form of holly (Ilex Crenata Convexa) has leaves that somewhat resemble English boxwood. It is a dwarf-type with nice glossy evergreen foliage. Excellent for low hedges, rock-gardens and border plantings. One of the hardier types of holly and a real beauty for any garden or landscape use. **Well rooted 2 yr. plants 8-10 inches tall $1.85 each; 3 for $4.95.**

# Multiflora Rose

## Not Just A Beautiful Plant — But A Practical Living Fence.

### In All Types of Soil The Cheapest Fencing You Can Buy - It Mends Itself - It Lasts A Lifetime! Grows Rapidly!

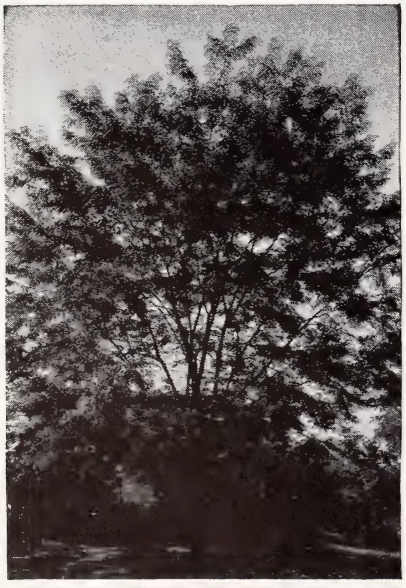
**Suitable For All U. S. A. Except Most Northern Areas.**

**Blossoms of Multiflora Rose are very attractive and produce an abundance of small fruit that are ideal for birds and other wildlife.**

**April 5, 1959** **Herrin, Illinois**

**The stock I received the other day from Rayner Bros. was the finest I have ever received from any nursery.**

**Ridgway Farms & Greenhouses**
**Ed Ridgway**



MORAINE LOCUST

Multiflora rose gives best results when planted in early spring. However; fall plantings are usually successful if a mulch is applied to prevent frost heaving. Fertile soil gives best results, and little or no fertilizer is needed. However, on sandy or poor soil some fertilizer and cultivation may be needed to get the plants off to a good start. It is best to prepare the land in the fall, but this can be done just before planting. The soil should be well cultivated, and if it is poorly drained, the plants should be set on a ridge. A planting distance of 18-24 in. apart in the row gives best results. The roots should be completely covered and firmly packed into the ground. After planting it is best to keep down weed competition and to use some fertilizer in the spring for the first 2 or 3 years. For further information we suggest you send 5c to the United States Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Ask for U.S.D.A. Leaflet No. 37 entitled "The Multiflora Rose".

**MULTIFLORA ROSE PRICE LIST**

**Vigorous 12-18" Branched Plants**

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| **25 plants** | **$ 2.25** |
| **50 plants** | **4.15** |
| **100 plants** | **7.50** |
| **500 plants** | **30.00** |

**See Page 17 For Postal Rates.**

# MORAINE LOCUST

**(PLANT PATENT NO. 836)**

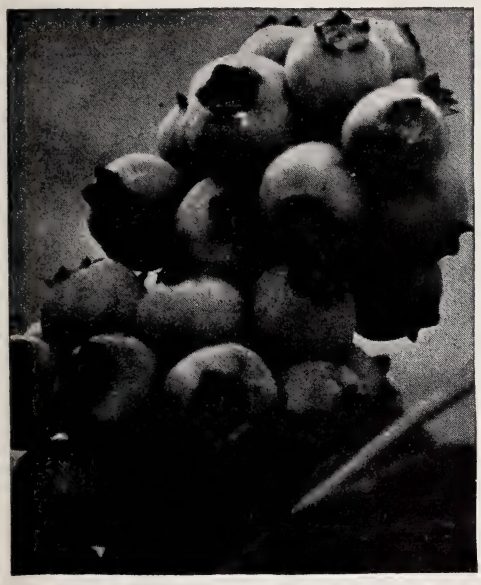
**Wonderful New Hardy Shade Tree**

Moraine locust has recently become quite popular as a shade tree. It is very vigorous and hardy in most of the northeast and produces a beautiful tall-spreading tree with fine lace-like leaves. This is truly a different type of tree that is a fine addition to any lawn area. The moraine locust is thornless and does not produce seed pods. It is a very tough tree and is not readily damaged by high winds. Also this fine tree is very resistant to disease and insects. The fast growth of Moraine locust will soon produce excellent specimen trees that are truly magnificent.

**3-4 foot, well-rooted, vigorous trees are $4.95 each plus postage. (Shipping weight is approximately two pounds.) Postal Rates Page 17.**

# Rayner's FAMOUS BLUEBERRIES

**FRESH, FULL-RIPE BLUEBERRIES ARE A FLAVOR SENSATION—WONDERFUL FOR PROFIT AS WELL AS ORNAMENTAL BEAUTY.**



Blueberries are just beginning to be appreciated, for many berry growers and gardeners have long considered them too difficult to grow. Now it is easy to grow blueberries in nearly any soil type. Follow our planting instructions and you can enjoy the thrill of picking these beautiful, delicious berries.

Blueberries differ greatly in flavor and sweetness. If you like a sweet, delicious taste, then try Rubel, Rancocas, Stanley, Pemberton, Jersey, Earliblue, or Berkley. If you like a slightly tart but fruity flavor try Ivanhoe, and Bluecrop. For a tart flavor Coville and Blueray are excellent. These flavor differences are the reason why some people do not like blueberries: they have not tried the right varieties. Also, some blueberries do not develop their full flavor until they have been allowed to remain on the plant for about a week after they turn blue. If picked too soon, they may not be too good—this is especially true of Coville and Ivanhoe.

Rayner Brothers, Inc. is one of the largest producers of blueberry plants for retail sale. In 1959 we picked over 75 tons of berries from our fruiting fields. We send you extra-quality plants that are true-to-name. Our plants are guaranteed. A good blueberry planting will last for 25 years or more.

## *Look At These Special Offers!*

**These Are Our Regular, Certified Plants, But Consist Of Varieties Of Which We Have Surplus Stock. Therefore, We Cannot Guarantee Delivery Of Any Particular Varieties But Will Send Labeled Varieties That Are Of Good Quality And Will Grow Well In Your Area.**

12 rooted cuttings .... 3 to 9 in. size (regular $3.60) $ 2.95 or 25 for $ 5.50

12 field transplants, 2 yr., 9 to 12 in. (regular $9.60) $ 8.25 or 25 for $15.50

12 field grown plants, 3 yr., 12 to 18 in. (regular $12.00) $10.25 or 25 for $19.50

12 field grown plants, 4 yr., 18 to 24 in. (regular $16.80) $14.50 or 25 for $26.50

12 jumbo, bearing plts, 4-5 yr., 24-36 in. (regular $31.80) $24.00 or 25 for $48.00

**SEE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR VARIETIES AND PLANTING INFORMATION.**

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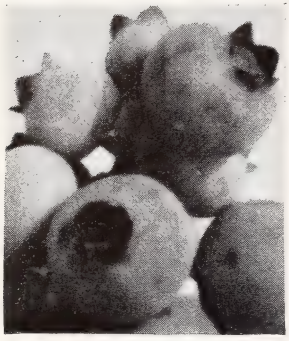
# YOU CAN EASILY GROW

# LOTS OF DELICIOUS BLUEBERRIES

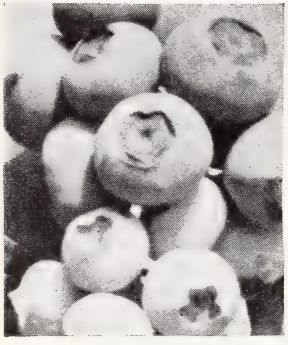
## With These Time-Tested Varieties



BURLINGTON

## BURLINGTON

A very productive vigorous variety. The berries are of medium size and of good flavor. They are very attractive, being produced in long, tight clusters. The berries have a very good picking scar and are quite firm. The quality is good and with a season about a week later than Jersey this variety is quite popular. The plants are upright and spreading in shape and are very hardy. The main features of Burlington are its good production and a very late season.



CONCORD

## CONCORD

A good variety for home gardens because the berries are of fine quality and of large size. Because the berries tear somewhat when picked, Concord is not an especially popular commercial variety. Berries are a deep blue color, fairly firm, and have a mild, good flavor. Concord ripens in mid-season. The clusters are large and very attractive. The plants are tall and upright and are hardy in the northeastern states.

JERSEY

## DIXI

Of all the older varieties of blueberries Dixi has the largest fruit. It is exceeded only by the recent U. S. Dept. of Agriculture varieties. Some berries of Dixi are nearly an inch in diameter. Another feature is its excellent sweet, mild flavor. It ripens in late season, a day or so after Jersey. The clusters are fairly tight and attractive. Dixi is fine for home garden use, but is not widely used commercially because the fruit may crack in wet weather. The plants are vigorous and have an open spreading shape.

## JERSEY

There is probably more acreage planted to Jersey than any other blueberry. This variety is well liked by commercial growers because the berries are large, firm, of high quality, and have a very good picking scar. The clusters are long and loose and very attractive. Jersey ripens late and produces very high yields. The plants are very strong and erect and the new wood has an attractive yellow bark. It is especially hardy to both low winter temperature and to frost. We recommend Jersey as an excellent variety for both commercial and home use in the northeastern and central states. Its wonderful flavor is liked by all.

April 22, 1959 — Jamaica, N. Y.

Your shipping department is "an artist at shipping" — hats off to them. Your blueberry bush is one we are very proud to own.

Mrs. Leo Gottlieb

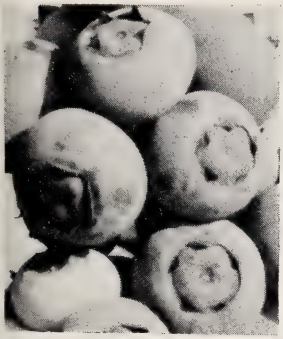
PEMBERTON

# JUNE

An early variety that has been quite popular. The berries are small to medium size and of dark blue color. The flavor is sweet and the overall quality is good. Clusters of June are open and long. The plants are slower growing than most varieties and not as vigorous. In general June is being replaced by other early varieties. However, June is still grown by many who like its fine, sweet flavor.

# PEMBERTON

A late midseason variety that ripens just before Jersey. The berries are of medium size and have a blue attractive color. They are produced on fairly long open clusters. Berries of Pemberton are fine for home gardens since they are juicy and have a good, mild flavor. One excellent feature of Pemberton is the vigorous, erect bush with large, attractive leaves. Production of Pemberton is good and it is a good hardy variety. Pemberton is still widely planted as a commercial variety, but its poor picking scar makes it better suited for home gardens or other situations where the berries are used soon after they are picked.



RANCOCAS

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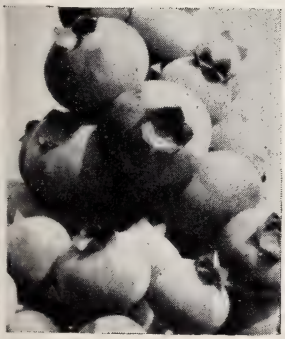
A standard commercial blueberry variety being widely planted because of its hardiness and dependable production. It is an early variety and is a heavy cropper. The berries are of medium size and are light blue at first, but later become dark blue. They are produced in very tight clusters that are quite attractive. Rancocas is a hardy, very vigorous plant that has tall upright growth. It is recognizable from most other varieties by slight, saw-tooth edges of the leaves.



RUBEL

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The only regular blueberry that is a selection from a wild type. Thus, it has the good sweet taste that we associate with the wild huckleberry. The berries are medium sized and are produced in long, loose clusters. They have a good blue color, a firm texture, and a good picking scar. Rubel is a late variety, ripening just before Jersey. It is hardy and productive in the north, yet grown to a considerable extent as far south as North Carolina.

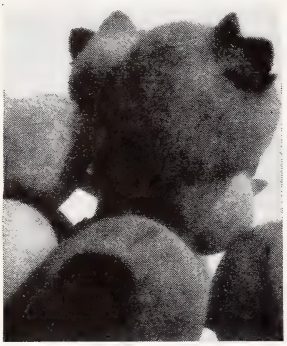
July 10, 1959 — Hershey, Penna.
Thanks for the nice plants and lightening-quick service. It seemed almost impossible to get them so soon.
Paul N. Espenshade

March 3, 1959 — Magalia, Calif.
The blueberry plants arrived in fine shape. Also strawberry plants were fine.
W. H. Phillips

STANLEY

# STANLEY

One of the most beautiful of all blueberry varieties. The plants are strong and erect and bear such tremendous crops that at fruiting time they are almost covered with fruit. The berries are large and of a bright blue color and are produced in medium tight clusters. Flavor of Stanley is extra good and the berries are firm. It ripens in mid-season and is a wonderful variety for either home garden or commercial planting. Most of the berries ripen at the same time and thus Stanley is relatively easy to pick. It is a good hardy variety well worth planting.



WEYMOUTH

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A popular variety because of its extra earliness. This past season we made our first picking on June 8 whereas Jersey was not picked until June 20. The berries are large, of a dark blue color and have a good picking scar. They have a sweet flavor but are generally considered to be below average in quality. Weymouth has been grown extensively from North Carolina to Massachusetts. The plants are smaller than average and are erect in shape. Weymouth has good resistance to cold weather.

**April 29, 1959** **Victoria, British Columbia**

**I am very pleased with the way my blueberry plants have turned out after such a long journey.**

**J. R. Scott**

**Complete Planting Instructions Sent With Order**

# PRICE LIST

**Plant At Any Time Ground Is Not Too Frozen To Work**

**F.O.B. Salisbury, Maryland**

**These Prices Are For Burlington, Concord, Dixi, Jersey, June, Pemberton, Rancocas, Rubel, Stanley, and Weymouth. See Page 42 For Other Varieties and Prices.**

| **See Page 17 for Postage Rates.** | Single Each | 3 to 9 Each | 10 to 29 Each | 30 to 99 Each | 100 or more Each |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 yr. 3-9" rooted cuttings | $ .45 | $ .35 | $ .30 | $ .25 | $ .20 |
| 2 yr. 9-12" ..... | 1.00 | .90 | .80 | .70 | .60 |
| 3 yr. 12-18"..... | 1.35 | 1.10 | 1.00 | .90 | .80 |
| 3-4 yr. 18-24"..... | 1.90 | 1.65 | 1.40 | 1.25 | 1.15 |

**Plant 2 Varieties for Pollination.**

**Varieties may be combined to take advantage of quantity prices.**

**Write us for prompt quotations on large quantities.**

## JUMBO Size Blueberry Plants 5 yr. 24" to 36" Plants

We have a limited supply of extra large plants that have already fruited for two years in the nursery and will bear lots of fruit this coming season.

The varieties available in this 24-36 size are: **Concord, Rancocas, Rubel, Jersey, Pemberton and Stanley.** These are really beautiful plants and are certain to bear a crop. For a big crop in a short time, try these Jumbo plants.

**$2.65 each; 3 for $6.75; 10 for $20.00. SEE SPECIAL OFFERS — Page 37.**

**July 21, 1959** **Schenectady, N. Y.**

**Not only are Rayner's products superior but your method of packaging and shipping leaves nothing to be desired. We are most happy to be doing business with a firm that takes pride in keeping their customers happy.**

**Ed Hiley**

# Growing Blueberries

These instructions apply to Rayner's hardy, top quality plants.

**WHERE BLUEBERRIES CAN BE GROWN:** The varieties of blueberries we offer will grow well from North Carolina to Maine and westward from Michigan to Missouri. They also grow well in parts of Oregon and Washington. For best fruit production blueberries require full sunlight.

**SOIL ACIDITY:** One of the most important factors in successful blueberry culture is to use acid soil — a pH range of 4.0 to 5.5 is considered best. Many soils naturally have this much acidity but in many areas where blueberries could otherwise grow well the soil is not sufficiently acid. For small scale plantings this difficulty can be readily overcome. One of the best methods is to dig a hole about 18 inches deep and about the same in width. Mix half of this soil with well rotted leaf mold or peat and then mix in 3 oz. Aluminum Sulfate plus ¼ lb. plant food. Sulfur or vinegar could also be used to acidify the soil. Replace this mixture in the hole and set the plant properly and you have overcome the main problem in growing blueberries.

**DRAINAGE:** Cultivated blueberries require a uniform supply of moisture but they will not tolerate poorly drained or soggy soil. Avoid heavy clay soil for large plantings.

**HOW TO PLANT:** If the roots have become dry in shipment they should be placed in water for about an hour. Best results are obtained if about half of the top growth is pruned from the plant. This allows the plant to become established faster and better. It will rapidly make an abundance of new, sturdy growth. After the holes have been dug and the soil prepared as previously described the plant should be set so that the upper roots are covered by about an inch of soil. It is very important not to set blueberries too deep in the ground for, they may make poor growth or die. It is helpful to water the newly set plant with a soluble fertilizer—using about one quart of solution per plant. Next the soil should be firmly packed around the roots and a mound of soil made around the edge of the hole so that the plant can be properly watered. Frequent watering during the first season will be very helpful in getting plants well established.

In commercial plantings blueberries are usually set 4 feet apart in the row with 8 to 10 feet between rows. However, in home gardens they may be arranged in any manner and can be pruned to nearly any desired shape. Blueberries are especially suitable for hedge plantings and other ornamental uses.

**MULCHING:** It is very helpful if a heavy mulch can be maintained around the plants. Any natural organic matter is satisfactory. Sawdust; new or old, oak or pine, also gives excellent results. Sawdust is proving to be very desirable for mulching blueberries and we strongly recommend its use. However, when sawdust is used as a mulch it is necessary to add extra nitrogen to the soil. For each ton of sawdust approximately 24 pounds of actual nitrogen is needed. This amount of nitrogen can be obtained from 115 pounds of ammonium sulfate or 72 pounds of ammonium nitrate. This corresponds to 13 ounces of ammonium sulfate per bushel of sawdust or 8 ounces of ammonium nitrate per bushel. Any other type of fertilizing material could be used if the proper amount of nitrogen is provided.

**FERTILIZING:** We definitely recommend that blueberries should receive regular fertilizer applications. Use an acid-type, complete fertilizer early in the spring at the rate of about ¼ pound per each small plant or ½ pound for large plants. Another application in early summer is usually helpful. Do not apply fertilizer in late summer or fall since it may make plants tender and thus subject to winter injury.

Commercial planters often use 5-10-5 or similar fertilizer at the rate of 500 lbs. per acre.

Recent tests have shown that ammonium sulfate is an excellent fertilizer for blueberries. It should be used at the rate of about 2 ounces for each young plant or ¼ lb. for each old plant. About 250 lbs. per acre is recommended for large plantings. Half should be applied in March or April and the rest during May or June.

**PRUNING:** When first planted about half of the upper branches should be removed. Then during each dormant season further pruning is required. Since blueberries usually make too much top growth some of this must be thinned out or the fruit will be small. Normally it is best to prune out slender twigs, leaving the heavier, stronger growth. Low branches should be removed as well as any weak or dead wood.

**YELLOW FOLIAGE:** Blueberries are especially free of disease and insect troubles and thus do not generally require any spraying or dusting. The most common trouble is a yellow color of the leaves (Chlorosis). This yellowing can be corrected in two ways: one is by making the soil more acid by addition of aluminum sulfate. Another is to add iron directly to the plant and to the soil. Yellow leaves will often become a healthy, green color within a few days after iron is added. We recommend Iron Chelate for this purpose. About 1 level tablespoonful in a gallon of water can be applied to the leaves and soil and will be of much help in improving foliage.

**CROSS POLLINATION:** Since cultivated blueberries are partly self-sterile it is best to plant at least two varieties for cross-pollination. Any combination of varieties is usually satisfactory.

## Here Are Those Amazing . . Extra Large

# BLUEBERRY VARIETIES

**Giant Berries Big as Nickels, Picked from our Heavy Fruiting Field**

**BERKELEY** Midseason. The finest blueberry for the home garden. Unusually large berries are produced in large, open clusters. Fruit color of Berkeley is a fine light blue and flavor is very good. The plants are unusually vigorous and have large, attractive leaves. Berkeley appears to be quite suited for the New England area, but does not have as high tolerance to cold as Bluecrop and Blueray. However, for all except the most northern areas Berkeley is an outstanding blueberry that you will surely want to include in your order.

**BLUECROP** Midseason. This is one of the most cold resistant of all blueberries and therefore is recommended for even the most northern states. Berries of Bluecrop have a fine, light blue color and are of large size. The flavor is tart, but good. Clusters are medium tight and very attractive. Plants are upright and vigorous and very productive. Throughout the northeastern and central states and into Canada Bluecrop is an excellent, dependable variety.

**BLUERAY** Early. Berries of this fine variety are of large size and light blue color. They are tart, of good flavor, and are firm. Blueray is a fine commercial variety because of its large size, productiveness, and good picking scar. Plants are vigorous and of a somewhat spreading shape. Blueray does well in cold climates.

**COVILLE** Very late. This past season we picked Earliblue on June 7 and Coville on July 9. Thus, this variety really lengthens the picking season. Berries are very large and attractive. The berries are not ready to pick until they have been on the plant a week after turning blue. The flavor is tart, but good. Clusters are medium loose. Coville is vigorous, but not as cold hardy as Bluecrop.

**EARLIBLUE** Early. This is the best early blueberry for, it has large, attractive fruit and a very good flavor. Berry clusters are tight and tend to ripen uniformly. The picking scar is good and berries are resistant to cracking. With its cold resistance, Earliblue is thus a fine commercial variety.

**HERBERT** Late. Herbert produces large, dark, shiny berries that have excellent quality. The picking scar is good and berries are resistant to cracking. Plants are strong and productive. Herbert should be fine for home plantings. Plants are very hardy.

**IVANHOE** Midseason. Fruit clusters of Ivanhoe look like bunches of Concord grapes. The berries are large and dark, and when full ripe have a delicious, fruity flavor. They should not be picked until a week after turning blue. Plants are vigorous and very productive. Ivanhoe is fine for home plantings.

**Complete Planting Instructions Sent With Order**

## PRICE LIST

**F.O.B., Salisbury, Md.**

**See Page 17 for Postal Rates.**

| | Single Each | 3 to 9 Each | 10 to 29 Each |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 yr. 3-9" rooted cuttings | $ .75 | $ .70 | $ .60 |
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**Varieties May Be Combined To Take Advantage Of Quantity Prices.**

# ORDER SHEET

## Rayner Brothers, Inc.
## Salisbury, Maryland

Date.....

Please Indicate Amount Enclosed

Check .....
Money Order .....
Cash .....
Voucher .....
Stamps .....

Name ..... R.F.D.....
(Please Print or Write Plainly, Giving Full Address)

Street ..... Box.....

Postoffice ..... State.....
(Include Postal Zone if Any)

Ship By—(Check One)

Express ☐

Parcel Post ☐

Express Station.....
If express shipment is desired and if different from Post Office

Ship Plants on or about:.....
(Date)

If no date is stated we will ship at time our experience indicates is good for your area.

| HOW MANY | NAMES OF VARIETIES ORDERED (Please indicate below concerning substitutions) | PRICE | |
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See other side for additional order space and free bonus offer.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!** If varieties ordered are not available send me suitable plants of equal value - - - - - - - - ☐

Please Check One

Return my money for plants not available - - - - - - - - ☐

**WE HAVE ENCLOSED A POSTPAID ENVELOPE FOR YOUR USE.**

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**SEND FOUR NAMES FOR**

# $1.00 BONUS PLANT OFFER

**IF YOUR ORDER AMOUNTS TO $5.00 OR MORE**

Send us the names and addresses of four persons who grow berries or who have a garden and may be interested in receiving information on berry growing. We will include 25 strawberry plants FREE. We must reserve right to choose variety of plants, but are sure you will be well pleased. Bonus plants will not be sent for less than four names. Plants will be shipped with order.

## WRITE NAMES HERE FOR BONUS PLANT OFFER

List Names and Addresses Here. Please Print or Write Legibly.

Please be sure to include Street Address or R.F.D. Number. Also note whether Mr., Mrs. or Miss.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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**TIME TO ORDER**—As soon as convenient after receiving this catalogue. Late in the season we may be out of some varieties, but if you order early, plants will be reserved until you are ready for them. Be sure to PLANT EARLY!

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**TRUE-TO-NAME**—We use every precaution to have our plants true-to-name. Should any prove otherwise we will replace them or refund the purchase price.

**SHIPMENT** — Express is generally cheaper on 2000 plants or more beyond the third zone and on all large orders.

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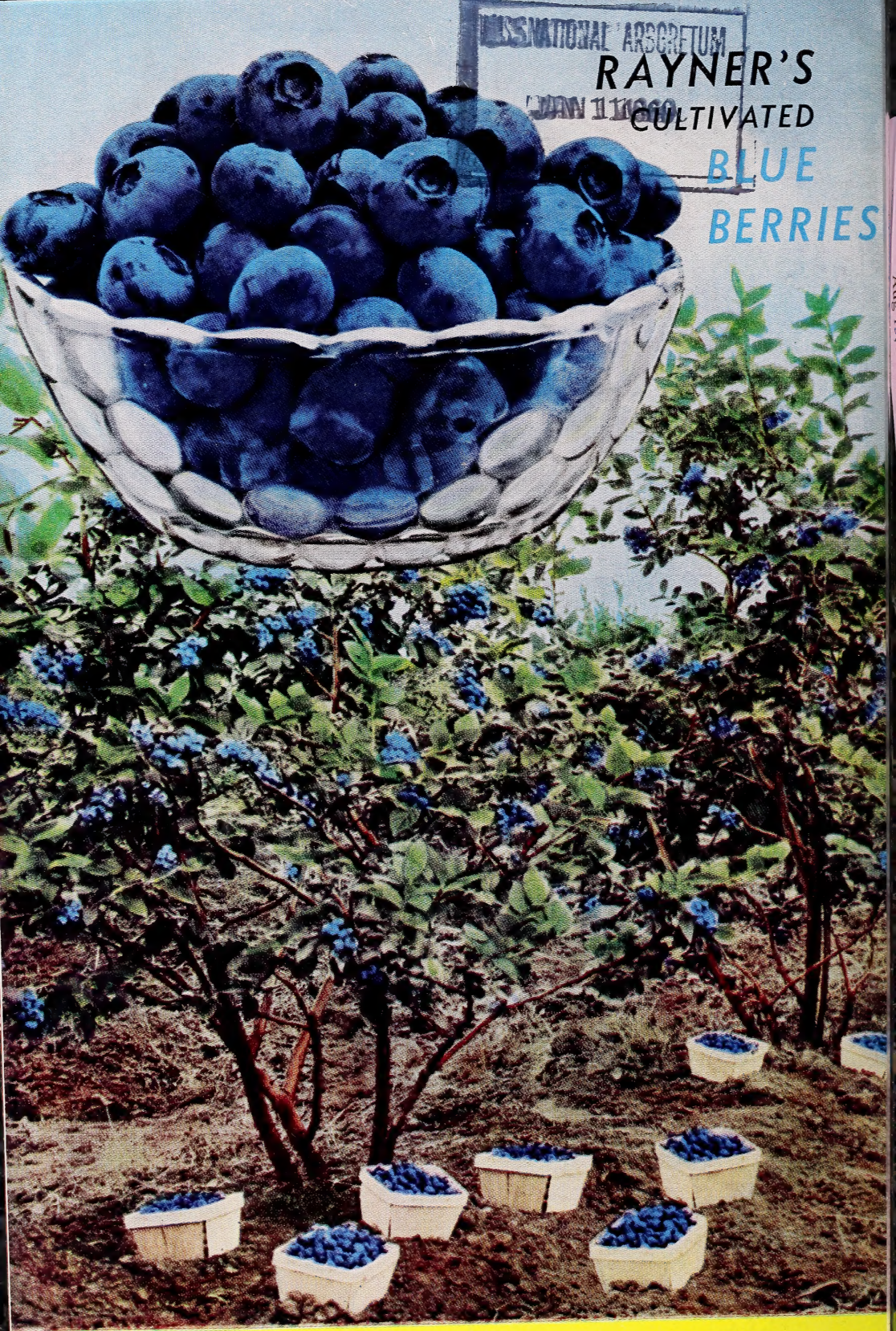

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